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## Norwalk Opens Veteran Villas Affordable Housing

By Stepheny Gehrig

Marking the end of Veteran’s Day week, the City of Norwalk, with the support of the community, opened the doors of the Veterans Villas at San Antonio Drive on November 15. This project was conceived and began before the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020. Spanning four years to come to fruition, \$3.8 million went into the completion of this project.

Offering 60 affordable housing units, the villas come with a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable living environment. These include access to an on-site laundry facility, accessible parking, and a courtyard with a play area and barbeque. The rental homes are available in one, two and three bedrooms for families with a veteran head of household. A third of

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## Tran Increases Lead Over Rep. Michelle Steel

By Brian Hews

Democratic challenger Derek Tran increased his lead over Republican Rep. Michelle Steel Sunday in the 45th Congressional District race going ahead by 480 votes-after last night’s update-up from 397.

The result came after Tran trailed the controversial incumbent by as many as 11,363 votes.

The consumer rights attorney and co-owner of a pharmacy with his wife Michelle is ahead of the two-term incumbent, 156,576 to 156,096, according to the Secretary of State’s Office. Both candidates are at 50%.

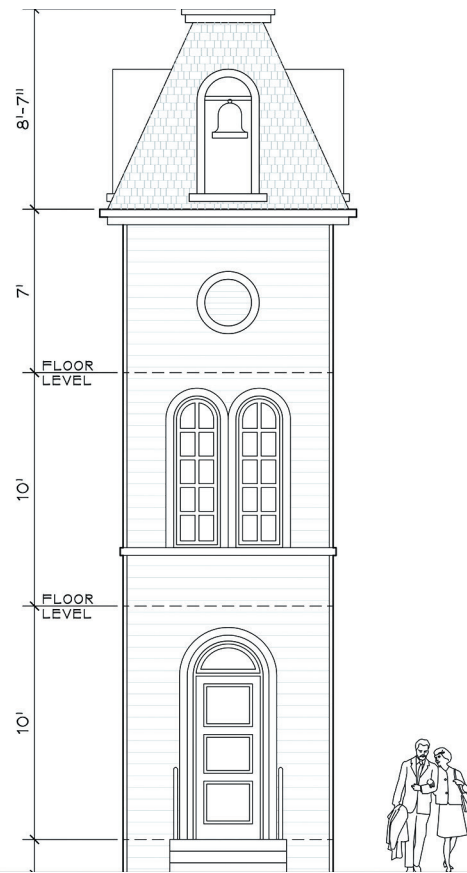
Tran trails in the Orange County portion of the district by 3,734, 141,274 to 137,540 but leads in the Los Angeles County portion - Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens and a portion of Lakewood -- 19,036 to 14,822 increasing his lead by a mere 83 votes

Tran trailed by 11,363 votes Nov. 6, 7,590 Nov. 8, 6,901 Nov. 9, 6,128, 3,908 Monday, 2,227 on Tuesday.



**WELCOME:** November 15 marked the opening of the Veterans Villas in Norwalk. Attending was Asm. Blanca Pacheco, Sen. Bob Archuleta, Norwalk Vice Mayor Tony Ayala, and Norwalk Councilmembers Jennifer Perez and Rick Ramirez.

## Help the Artesia Historical Society House The Bell



ARCHITECT’S depiction of the proposed Artesia tower which will house the bell, below.

### LCCN Staff Report

The Artesia Historical Society is embarking on a community project to recreate the original bell tower to house its oldest artifact, the 1875 School Bell, which was part of Artesia Grammar School. The AHS believes that this project is not just about preserving history, but also about

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## Research: Black Plastic Kitchen Tools May Be Poisoning You

By Kristin Toussaint

If you have a black spatula in your kitchen, or other black plastic items around your house like takeout containers or children’s toys, they could contain high levels of toxic flame retardants.

Those chemicals—which have been linked to cancer, neurological damage, and hormone disruption—may be a result of recycling contamination, specifically from electronics, the authors of a recent study theorize.

Scientists from Toxic-Free Future and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam tested a range of household items made of black plastic and sold in the U.S., and found toxic flame retardants in many of them. The highest levels were found in a spatula, a sushi tray, and a beaded necklace. The results were published in the journal *Chemosphere* in early October.

“These cancer-causing chemicals shouldn’t be used to begin with, but with recycling, they are entering our environment and our homes in more ways than one,” Megan Liu, study coauthor and science and policy manager at Toxic-Free Fu-



ture, said in a statement. “The high levels we found are concerning.”

Plastics typically used in electronics contain higher levels of toxic flame retardants than other types of plastics (like nylon), the researchers found. That led them to hypothesize that the flame retardants were present in those household items because of mismanaged e-waste recycling, in which electronics are contaminating other plastics.

In a 2018 paper, Andrew Turner, a biochemist at the University of Plymouth, wrote that “there is mounting evidence that the demand for black plastics in consumer products is partly met” by electronics, specifically their plastic housings. When these items are recycled, the contaminat-

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## 605 All Star Rose Parade Band - ABC, Bellflower and Norwalk-La Mirada School Districts - to Hold Practice Parade Dec. 1



**LARGEST BAND IN ROSE PARADE!** The four mile practice route will begin at Ron Yary Stadium in Bellflower and finish at Mayfair Park from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### LCCN Staff Report

Over 500 students from Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, John Glenn, Gahr, La Mirada, Mayfair and Norwalk high school bands will come together as the 605 All-Star Band, representing three school districts along the 605 Freeway. They will be one of the largest bands to play and march in the Rose Parade.

To get ready for the Rose Parade, the 605 All-Star Band will perform and march in a practice parade from Bellflower to Lakewood on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This is a unique opportunity for residents of Lakewood and the surrounding

region to see and hear the band up close. Bring a chair and cheer them on as they march and perform.

The route will begin at Ron Yary Stadium in Bellflower and finish at Mayfair Park. Consider using alternate routes between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., as access to driving or parking on these streets will be restricted:

- Woodruff Avenue from Artesia Boulevard to Allington Street.
- Allington Street from Woodruff Avenue to Bellflower Boulevard.
- Bellflower Boulevard from Ashworth Street to South Street.
- South Street from Bellflower Boulevard to Clark Avenue.

## Tournament of Roses Honor Band is a Family Affair for Whittier Union Siblings



**WHITTIER HIGH** saw four marching band members selected for the TOR Honor Band. From (l-r) junior Ramon Mendes (clarinet), sophomore Adelina Monzon (trumpet), junior Anika Monzon (mellophone), and freshman Darren Rico (trombone).

### LCCN Staff Report

When Whittier High School junior Anika Monzon and her sister, sophomore Adelina Monzon, saw the Tournament of Roses Parade in person on New Year's Day, they felt great pride in seeing their older brother, Whittier High Class of 2024 graduate Myles Monzon, march in the Honor Band, performing on the tenor drum.

This year, it will be a Monzon family affair, as Anika and Adelina are among five Whittier Union students selected to perform at the 2025 Rose Parade as members of the Pasadena City College (PCC) Tournament of Roses Honor Band, joining Myles, currently a PCC student, who was again selected to play tenor drum.

"Our mom cried when we told her that we both made the Honor Band," Anika said. "It's kind of a family tradition. Our mom marched in the Rose Parade as a member of the Honor Band, and our dad marched as well, as part of his high school marching band. It's fun to watch the parade and root for your section, but it will be more fun to be in the parade."

It is the first Honor Band appearance for all five students.

Anika is currently a back drum major for the Whittier High marching band and had to borrow a mellophone to audition for Honor Band.

"I've been playing since the sixth grade, and I love being in band. It's an experience like no other," Adelina said. "Marching band is like a whole new world. I'm excited to learn all new marches. We also get to play at Disneyland, which I am really looking forward to."

Mendes said he was drawn to the clarinet because of its beautiful sound and embraces band life for its inclusivity.

"Band is an extremely friendly environment and open to people from all backgrounds. It's very important for students to have this opportunity," Mendes said.

Rico, like Mendes, was drawn to the trombone because of its sound. "When I was younger, I watched a symphonic orchestra play, and the trombone really got me interested in music. I want to see where it can take me," Rico said.

For Santa Fe High's Jimenez, the third time was the charm in getting selected for Honor Band. Though Jimenez originally wanted to play the saxophone when he joined band in the sixth grade, he found his way to the trumpet and now seeks to play at the level of his idols, Maynard Ferguson, Maurice André, and Freddie Hubbard.

"I just love to play with the band," Jimenez said. "Music has taught me to be a better person, and the opportunity to meet new people is the biggest reason I'm excited to join the Honor Band."

Santa Fe High band director Terry Dawson encourages all his students to try out for Honor Band, for the opportunity to broaden their horizons and make memories that will last a lifetime.

"I marched in the Rose Parade every year I was in high school, as a member of the L.A. All-City Marching Band," Dawson said. "I want all my students to have the same chance."

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## Eight NLMUSD Schools Featured in U.S. News School Rankings

List includes Hutchinson MS, and D.D. Johnston, Dolland, Morrison, Eastwood, Escalona, Foster Road, and Gardenhill ES.

### LCCN Staff Report

The 2025 Edition of the U.S. News & World Report's Best Elementary and Middle School rankings were released and eight NLMUSD schools earned mention.

Schools are ranked at the state and district level, with Best Charter Schools ranked as a stand-alone category.

Hutchinson earned a place in the middle school ranks, while D.D. Johnston, Dolland, Morrison, Eastwood, Escalona, Foster Road, and Gardenhill all appeared in the elementary school list.

"Congratulations to our eight schools who received mention in the U.S. News Best Middle and Elementary School rankings," said Interim Superintendent Estuardo Santillan. "These rankings are a testament to the commitment of our amazing

teachers, staff, and administrators in creating positive learning environments for our students to meet their full potential."

The methodology focuses on state assessments of students who were proficient or above proficient in mathematics and reading/language arts while accounting for student backgrounds, achievement in core subjects, and how well schools are educating their students. Student-teacher ratios are applied to break ties in the overall score.

The 2025 Best Elementary and Best Middle Schools rankings are based on publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Education. For district-level rankings, at least two of the top performing schools must rank in the top 75% of the overall elementary or middle school rankings to qualify for district-level recognition.

Parents, educators and students can see how NLMUSD compares to other institutions and how the rankings are calculated on USNews.com.

## Local Officials March to Help Veterans Facing Mental Health Issues



**SENATOR BOB ARCHULETA** (D-Pico Rivera) with local elected officials, and community members. The march started at midnight in Chino and ended near noon at Rio's Pizza in Montebello. Participants stopped at the Whittier Veteran Peace Memorial for a brief prayer service.

### LCCN Staff Report

Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera), along with veterans, local elected officials, and community members, gathered on Saturday, November 16, to walk in the 22 Ruck March for Veterans.

Marine Veteran Gus Arenas founded the 31-mile walk in memory of his friend and fellow veteran who died by suicide. The number 22 is symbolic of the veteran suicides when Arenas launched the march.

"It is our to ensure they have access to the mental health support they need," said Senator Archuleta, who is an Army veteran. "I thank Gus Arenas for his incredible leadership in founding the March 22. His dedication to bringing awareness to the mental health crisis affecting our heroes is truly inspiring."

The march started at midnight in Chino and ended near noon at Rio's Pizza in Montebello. Participants stopped at the Whittier Veteran Peace Memorial for a brief prayer.

Participants walked the entire march or portions of the route. Arenas, fellow veterans, Pico Rivera Councilmember Erik Lutz, and Senator Archuleta's Communications Director Fred Zermenio completed the march. As the group traveled into Whittier, they were joined by Senator Archuleta, Whittier Mayor Joe Vinatieri, Pico Rivera Mayor Andrew Lara and Councilmember Monica Sanchez and Montebello Mayor Pro Tem Sal Melendez and Councilmembers Georgina Tamayo and David Torres.

The participants ended the march at Rio's Pizza, where they were treated to free food and drinks.

## Donate to Cerritos Community Programs This Holiday Season

This holiday season, residents are invited to donate to local programs, including Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program.

The annual Toys for Tots program, sponsored by the United States Marine Corps with Cerritos, provides gifts to local underprivileged children.

New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off Monday, November 4, through Friday, December 13, in the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East, and Cerritos Sheriff's Station.

The Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program helps brighten Christmas for needy children. To participate, pick up one or more tags at the Cerritos Senior Center between Monday, November 4, and Friday, December 6. Each tag will list the child's age, gender, clothing size, and toy request. Submit your donation, along with the original tag, to the Cerritos Senior Center on or before Friday, December 13.

*For more information, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.*

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### LAX's People Mover Begins New Phase of Testing



**THE FIRST PAIR** of APM train vehicles cross Century Boulevard on the elevated guideway. Photo courtesy of Los Angeles World Airports.

Those visiting LAX can now catch a glimpse of the Automated People Mover (APM), as a new phase of testing will bring train cars through the Central Terminal Area (CTA). The first train vehicles will be crossing over Sepulveda and Century boulevards, and entering the CTA.

In the coming weeks, design-builders LAX Integrated Express Solutions (LINXS) will conduct the first set of tests in these areas to confirm proper vehicle clearance across the elevated track and through the three APM stations inside the CTA.

"This testing milestone brings us one step closer to delivering a more efficient travel experience for our employees and guests at LAX," said John Ackerman, CEO, Los Angeles World Airports. "The train has been the airport's missing link to our great

city, and it will ensure that LAX welcomes Angelenos and visitors from across the globe in a truly world-class way."

This new phase of testing builds upon LINXS' progress on the APM's elevated guideway. Earlier this year, APM vehicles began test runs between the upcoming Consolidated Rent-A-Car (ConRAC) facility and an APM station located at the LAX Economy Parking garage.

"These clearance tests are the first of many, establishing the path forward in the testing and commissioning process," said Shawn West, Board Member, LAX Integrated Express Solutions. "The team's thorough testing in 2025 will help ensure safe and reliable service for the APM system upon completion."

### ABC Unified Schools Rank in Top 40 Percent of California Schools

U.S. News Announces 2025 Best Elementary and Middle Schools

U.S. News & World Report has released its 2025 Best Elementary Schools and Best Middle School rankings, with ABC Unified School District Schools ranking in the top 40 percent of California schools.

"We know we have amazing schools, and this list proves it," said Board President Mrs. Sophia Tse. "These rankings demonstrate the hard work of our students, families, teachers, and staff, and I congratulate them all."

U.S. News assessed schools on student proficiency in math and reading, as measured by state assessments. Then, they looked at the results in the context of socioeconomic demographics to gauge achievement. The publication's research covered over 47,000 public elementary schools and more than 23,000 public middle schools.

"We are extremely proud of our schools and what they do to ensure student achievement," said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. "Rankings like these are great, but we know the learning that goes on in our classrooms each day impacts every student's life."

ABCUSD high schools are typically ranked towards the top of the U.S. News list of Best High Schools each year, with Whitney High School at the top. The 2025 U.S. News list of Best High Schools will be released next year. You can find more information about the 2025 U.S. News Best Elementary Schools and Best Middle Schools at [usnews.com/education](http://usnews.com/education).

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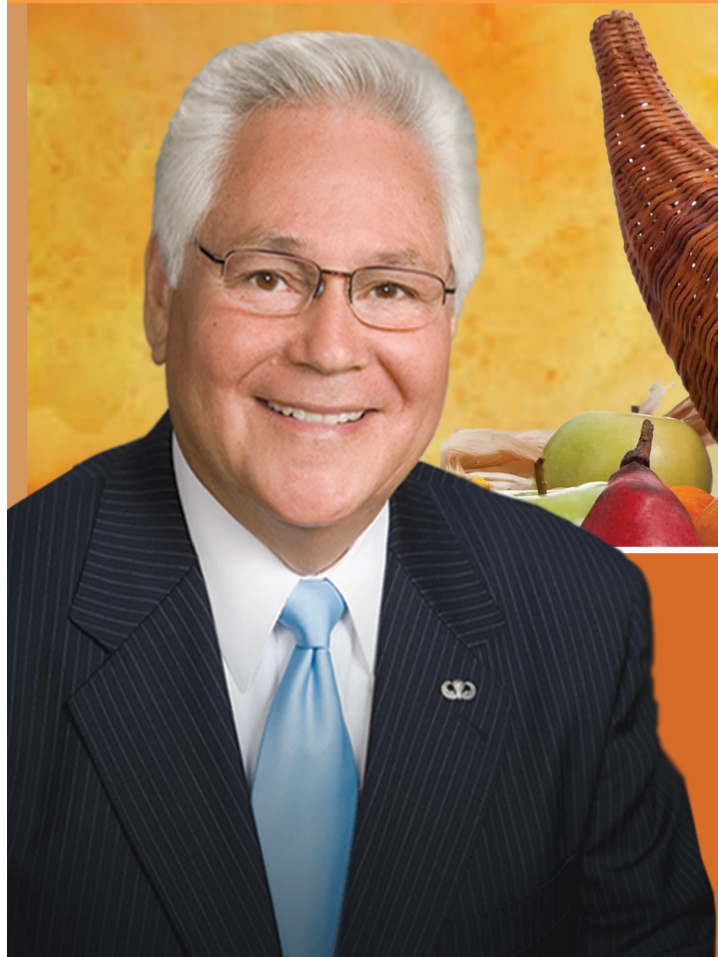
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### Cerritos Council Nomination Period Closes December 6

There will be three seats open on the Cerritos City Council for the Tuesday, March 4, 2025 general municipal election. The official candidate nomination period opened Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 8 a.m. and runs through Friday, December 6, 2024 at 5 p.m. sharp in the Office of the Cerritos City Clerk/Elections Official. If an eligible incumbent does not file nomination papers by the Friday, December 6, 2024 deadline, the official candidate nomination period is extended to Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5 p.m., sharp, for eligible individuals other than eligible incumbents.

Cerritos registered voters who are interested in running with the City Clerk/Elections Official to discuss the candidate nomination process or to receive the official candidate nomination paperwork.

For more information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk/Elections Official at (562) 916-1248 or [election2025@cerritos.us](mailto:election2025@cerritos.us).

### Gridley Park Playground Refurb. Contract Awarded

The Cerritos Council recently awarded a \$254,850 contract to R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc. for the Gridley Park East Playground Refurbishment project. The playground area located on the eastern end of Gridley Park was damaged by an arson fire; the project will be funded entirely by an insurance settlement.

As a part of the project, the Orange-based R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc. will remove and replace the damaged playground equipment and rubberized surfacing. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

### Artesia and La Mirada Celebrate Veterans



**ARTESIA HONORED** Veteran's at Artesia Park on Saturday, November 9. The celebration included music, a Veteran's Breakfast, display booths and vehicles. Seen here is Mayor Tony Lima, holding proclamation, the Artesia City Council and local Veterans.



**LA MIRADA HONORED** Veteran's at the LM Civic Center on Monday November 11 sponsored by VFW Post 9148. The celebration included distinguished speakers and presentations. Seen here is LM Mayor John Lewis (2nd from right) and the City Council.

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# OPINION

## Why Would Anyone Risk the Erosion of Our Democracy?

Trump's victory and voter confidence in his "Make America great again" mantra prompts many questions. I remind one what Trump boasted during his 2016 bid for the presidency, "I could stand in the middle of 5th Ave. and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose voters. This is like incredible!"

What is even more incredible is the victimhood ascribed to him. Yet ironically, the real victims remain our polarized nation and increasingly insecure world.

How will our nation and the world benefit from an unhinged, polarizing figure of the worst moral character?

Why would one idolize a misogynist, racist, fraudster and rapist? Why would one value a conspiracy theory monger, a climate change denier, an insurrectionist and a traitor? Why would one encourage an extremist, a master of deceit and blasphemy? Why would one vote for an autocrat who threatens his opponents with retribution? Why would one risk the erosion of our democracy?

When Trump's right-hand Budget Czar, Elon Musk, warns of hardship for Americans, believe him.

Furthermore, Project 2025 clearly spells out (and we were warned): Social Security, Medicare, Medi-Cal, Medicaid, The Affordable Care Act, SSI, SSDI, all safety nets we've paid into most of our lives, are in jeopardy.

Why would anyone condone this grand scale theft?

The institutions we have long depended on; such as, the bureaus of Education, Energy, Transportation, Health and Disease Control, among countless others, will soon be gutted.

Trimming fat is one thing, but high-jacking them is another. These longstanding agencies (though imperfect) provide an infrastructure that set the U.S. apart from third world countries.

Will dismantling this infrastructure really make America great again? Will Trump's alienation of our allies and veneration of dangerous tyrants and autocrats make America great again?

Trump will deliver on his threats, and is currently positioning the most inexperienced, unqualified cabinet appointees to do his dirty work.

When mass deportation begins to siphon our hard-earned tax dollars to use toward family separation, mass incarceration, transportation costs and for-profit detention facilities and school closures, we will see fear up close.

When businesses gradually collapse, we will all feel the sting and realize we are the collateral damage.

Trump marveled at his free pass to get away with ANYTHING. He may believe his power is limitless; however, many voters and leaders still believe in our constitution, our democratic institutions and our basic freedoms. Integrity, liberty, unity and justice will prevail as God is our witness.

*Concerned for our democracy,  
S. Mercado*

## I Didn't Think Trump Would Do the Unhinged Things He Said He'd Do. What the Heck?

It's strange how all the things we were explicitly told would happen are now going to happen. It really makes you think.

**By Rex Huppke  
USA Today**

Whoa, whoa, whoa. Hold on a minute. President-elect Donald Trump has started appointing screwballs for important government positions, making plans for immigrant detention camps and leaning, authoritarian-style, on Republicans in Congress to obliterate check and balances?

Are you telling me the man who said he was going to do all these crazy things is actually going to do all these crazy things? What the heck?

I was told by many Trump supporters that he's a showman who talks tough, but when he gets into office again he'll govern like a sensible conservative, just like he didn't do the first time around.

I am shocked to see Trump do exactly what he told people he'd do

And now I find the next president is, in fact, going to let a certifiable nutball like Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "go wild" on American health and medicine? I mean, when Trump said he was going to let Kennedy "go wild" on American health and medicine, I assumed he was kidding around. And besides, I was mad that eggs are expensive.

But now it looks like vaccines are going to become optional and Americans will be told the best way to protect against infectious diseases is to put a clove of garlic in your ear and avoid processed foods.

I am shocked – shocked, I tell you! – that a presidential candidate who spoke in run-on sentences that sounded like they were written by a dumb version of Jack Kerouac on a Benzedrine bender

might have actually been telling the truth about his intentions.

Trump has appointed unelected billionaire weirdo Elon Musk to a fake department he claims will slash and burn the federal government in the name of imagined efficiency. And since nobody on Trump's transition team apparently knows what "efficiency" means, Musk can't do it alone, so Trump paired him with another wealthy weirdo, Vivek Ramaswamy, who talks like he should be selling Veg-O-Matics on late-night TV infomercials.

I mean, just because Trump has spoken highly of Ramaswamy and had Musk more or less by his side since before the election, saying he would put Musk in charge of government efficiency, I never expected that ... ohhhh, OK, this is starting to make sense now.

So I guess when Trump said he'd do lots of crazy stuff he was being serious.

Apparently Trump DID mean all the noodle-brained things he said over and over and over again during the campaign.

Things that included being a dictator, but just for the first day of his administration.

And rounding up millions upon millions of immigrants and stashing them in detention camps.

And punishing his political enemies, and giving police officers greater immunity protection, and implementing massive tariffs and pardoning the convicted Jan. 6 attackers.

I guess I just thought him saying those things, and the media reporting on those things, and pundits warning that Trump will definitely do the things he keeps saying he's going to do ... well, like I said, eggs were expensive, and I figured, "Nah, he's not gonna do all that."

Boy do I have expensive eggs on my face. This guy's gonna do all that and a whole lot more.

Anyone shocked by what Trump's doing just wasn't paying attention. But don't worry, I won't complain about it now.

The last thing I need is Attorney General Matt Gaetz coming after me.

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**ARTESIA** from page 1

involving the community in a significant way and the AHS wants area residents to be a part of the development, to contribute their ideas, and to share the magnificent bell with the community.

The village of Artesia became a community when the Artesia School District was established on May 3, 1875. The Artesia Land company set aside 5 acres of land and built the first schoolhouse on what is now 183rd St. and Alburdis Ave., known as the Artesia Grammar School.

Costing a mere \$4,000 to build at the time, the schoolhouse was a rustic, timbered building with a classroom on each floor. When it opened, 34 students were enrolled, warmed only by a wood-burning stove, and they got their water from an artesian well.

On top of the Artesia Grammar School tower was the school bell, which, among other things, called students to school each day of the week.

The school janitor rang the bell every morning at 8:30 sharp, a sound that resonated through the streets of Artesia, allowing residents to set their timepieces for the day. This daily ritual signified how important the bell was to the community at large; it wasn't only the school bell; it was the keeper of time for the whole city, a symbol of resident's shared daily life.

One day, no one can recall why the school janitor forgot to ring the bell, throwing Artesia into temporary chaos. The children were late to school, the bank and grocery store didn't open on time, and everyone was late to start that day.

Thirty-five years later, when Pioneer School was built in 1910, the original wooden schoolhouse was moved to the downtown business district and converted into a store building. No longer needing the old school bell, it was given to the Artesia Christian Church with the provision that it never be taken out of Artesia.

When the Artesia Christian Church closed its doors, the 1875 School Bell was donated to the Artesia Historical Society and is currently housed in Old Fire Station #30.

To date, the AHS has hosted more than 13,000 visitors, students, teachers, and adult volunteers in docent-led tours of what is known as the Dantema House and Old Fire Station #30. Visitors learn about the significance of the bell, and they experience the power of its clang.

The Artesia Historical Society is kicking off a fundraiser to build the tower and invites all stakeholders—community, city council, Los Angeles County leaders, and service organizations—to participate with a financial pledge and a tax-free donation as this calendar year comes to an end.

Acknowledgments will be made for different donation levels, including naming the bell tower in the donor's honor for a \$100,000 or more donation. For donations of \$25,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000, the donor's name will be displayed on a plaque indicating the donation level.

Recurring and one-time contributions are also appreciated. For additional information, visit the donation section of the AHS website at [artesiahistoricalsociety.com](http://artesiahistoricalsociety.com). Help the AHS keep that old bell ringing!

**Timmons of Long Beach Donates Toys to Patients at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach**



MEMORIALCARE Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach and Timmons of Long Beach staff deliver toys for patients donated to Toy Jam, hosted by Timmons.

The holiday spirit arrived early at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach as the 23rd Annual Toy Jam, hosted by Timmons of Long Beach, delivered carloads of toys to the hospital at the end of October. Child Life Specialists from the Chereese Mari Laulhere Child Life Program received the generous donations, which help sustain the toy supply for kids leading into the holiday season.

Timmons of Long Beach promotes the Toy Jam to customers year-round, offering customers at their service department a

10% discount for gifting a new toy to a patient.

The Child Life Program accepts donated toys that are appropriate for infant through adolescent patients. Child Life Specialists use medical play and distraction techniques to help children adjust to their hospital stay and promote the continuity of normal, daily childhood activities. These large toy donations guarantee that children of all ages have access to toys that help brighten their hospital experience and provide moments of joy during challenging times.

**USPS Operation Santa Pairs With Toys 'R' Us to Deliver Toys to Children Who Wrote Santa**

USPS announced a new partnership between USPS Operation Santa and Toys "R" Us for the 2024 holiday season.

Through USPS Operation Santa, children write their holiday wishes to Santa Claus and send their letters to his official address. These letters are then anonymized and made available for adoption on the program's website, [USPSOperationSanta.com](http://USPSOperationSanta.com). Generous individuals, families and organizations can browse the letters, adopt one or more of them and fulfill the child's holiday wishes.

Since its inception, USPS Operation Santa has helped answer the thousands of letters addressed to Santa Claus through the Postal Service each year.

Also this year, USPS Operation Santa has added the option for adopters to send gifts using the Postal Service's latest shipping offering.

USPS Operation Santa will be highlighted in the new season of Hulu's original docuseries, "Dear Santa," debuting Sunday, Nov. 24. The series will feature real-life stories of children whose letters were answered and the generous individuals and families who adopted them.

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If you're determined to learn how to cook a turkey perfectly, you've already taken the first step: doing your research. Here, Food Network rounds up the most important tips for cooking a juicy bird with crispy, golden skin.

#### How to Thaw a Turkey

Allow for 24 hours of thawing time per every 5 pounds. This means that for a 20 pound turkey, you need four whole days. Make some room in the bottom of the fridge – you never want to thaw a turkey on a shelf above other food, lest some raw turkey juice drip down and cause contamination. Set an unwrapped frozen turkey on a rimmed baking sheet or roasting pan, slide it into the fridge onto that cleared bottom shelf and then let it sit.

#### Dry Brining-The best

A salt-spice mixture is rubbed all over the surface of the turkey's skin.

Pros: Crisp skin and juicy meat, the brine penetrates slowly so there's no risk of the meat becoming mealy, the process doesn't take up much space in the fridge.

Cons: Takes longer than a wet brine.

Step one: Dry off the turkey. Paper towels work well.

Step two: Make a seasoning blend: 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/4 teaspoon baking powder per pound of turkey (the baking powder helps crisp the skin), plus your favorite herbs and spices.

Step three: Rub the blend all over the whole bird.

Step four: Refrigerate the uncovered bird. Put it on a baking sheet or in a roasting pan for 24 to 72 hours; pat the bird dry before roasting.

#### How to Cook a Turkey

There are many ways to cook a turkey. Some people prefer a roasting pan, while others advocate that a sheet tray allows for better crisping and air circulation. Some like to spatchcock their turkey in order to reduce the cooking time. Here, we focus

## Your Complete Guide to Preparing and Cooking a Turkey



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on the simplest, most classic technique.

Step one: Preheat the oven. Adjust an oven rack to the lowest position and preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Step two: Stuff the turkey if you wish. Fill the cavity loosely with stuffing – 1/2 to 3/4 cup stuffing per pound of turkey.

Step three: Tent foil the bird.

Step four: Roast the turkey for 2 hours. Resist the urge to peek, and if possible, roast the turkey all on its own without other sides in the oven.

Step five: Remove the foil and brush the bird with a glaze. **BRUSH (DON'T BASTE) THE TURKEY** with olive oil or butter (and maybe a little Worcester). Increase the oven temperature to 425 degrees F. Increasing the temperature during the last bit of cooking time will make for extra crispy turkey skin.

Step six: Cook until the juices run clear when you cut between the leg and the thigh. This will be for about 45 more minutes (2 hours 45 minutes total) for an 8 to 10 pound turkey. If you stuffed your

bird, you'll need to add a bit more time on because stuffing makes the bird cook more slowly. Make sure the stuffing reaches a temperature of 165 degrees F in the deepest part.

Step seven: Rest the turkey. Remove the turkey from the oven and rest for 15 to 30 minutes. Leave it tented with foil as it rests. If there's stuffing inside, leave it in the bird while it rests.

#### How Long Should a Turkey Cook?

As a general rule of thumb, plan on about 20 minutes of cooking time per pound of turkey. Once the thigh meat registers 165 degrees F, your turkey is done.

#### How to Make Turkey Gravy

A good time to make your gravy? While the turkey is resting.

Step one: Pour the turkey pan drippings into a fat separator or measuring cup. If you're not making the gravy in the roasting pan, you'll want to deglaze the pan with some warm stock and rub up all the caramelized bits on the bottom. Pour this through the fat separator too.

Step two: Spoon off the fat collected on top.

Step three: Create a roux. Add turkey fat or butter to the roasting pan or saucepan. Then sprinkle flour over it in a 1:1 ratio of fat to flour. Cook, stirring constantly, until the roux is light brown and fragrant.

Step four: Gradually whisk in hot stock. If you're cooking in the roasting pan, rub the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon to collect all the tasty caramelized bits on the bottom.

Step five: Bring to a boil, reduce to low.

Step six: Add the roasting juices from the fat separator.

Step seven: Simmer. Whisk occasionally until the gravy thickens. The gravy should coat the back of a spoon.

Step eight: Season the gravy. Season the gravy with salt and pepper to taste. You can also add a dash of Worcestershire sauce, a splash of brandy or fresh herbs like thyme.

Step nine: Strain the gravy. This will get rid of any last bits of fat.

#### How to Carve a Turkey

Step one: Place the turkey on a cutting board, breast-side up.

Step two: Remove the legs. Slice through the skin between the leg and body on one side; pull the leg away from the body, then cut through the joint to remove the leg. Repeat with the other leg.

Step three: Separate the drumsticks from the thighs. Locate the joint in the middle of each leg and cut through it.

Step four: Remove the wings. Pull each wing away from the body and cut through the joint to remove.

Step five: Remove the breast meat. Slice downward along the breastbone, following the curve of the ribs on each side.

Step six: Slice the breast meat. Place each breast on the board skin-side up and slice.

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# GROW MOTH ORCHIDS FOR MONTHS OF BEAUTY

By Melinda Myers

**T**he moth or phalaenopsis orchid is the one best adapted to your home environment, making it the easiest to grow. It thrives in the same temperatures as people with night temperatures in the 60s and 70 to 80 degrees during the day. However, avoid hot and cold air drafts that can stress the plants and cause bud and flower drop. Moth orchids are epiphytes, growing on but not parasitizing trees and other plants. They obtain water and nutrients from the air, rainwater, and plant debris that accumulate in their environment. They can be mounted on a board but usually are grown in an orchid mix made of peat, fir bark, and perlite. This or a similar combination retains water while



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providing needed drainage.

Place your plant in a bright location near an east-, west- or slightly shaded south-facing window. Your orchid will do best when it receives 12 to 14 hours of sunlight daily. Enlist the help of artificial lights if your orchids are struggling when natural light, especially during winter, is insufficient. Newer full-spectrum LED lights are more affordable, require less energy, and are longer lasting than the grow lights of the past.

Give your orchid a good watering about once a week with room temperature water just as the planting mix starts to dry.

**THE MOTH ORCHID:** the common name refers to the flower petals' resemblance to moth wings.

Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer. Don't allow orchids to sit in water and don't water too often as this can lead to root rot and death of your plant.

Fertilize actively growing and flowering plants every third or fourth watering. Use an orchid plant fertilizer according to label directions. Skip winter fertilization if temperatures are cooler, sunlight is limited, and the plants are not putting on new growth.

Improve the environment even more by increasing the humidity around the plant. Group them with other orchids and indoor plants. As one plant loses moisture, or "transpires," the others will benefit from the increase in humidity. Plus, you'll create a beautiful display while improving the growing conditions.

Or increase the humidity around your plants with humidity or gravel trays. Place pebbles in the saucer and set the pot on top of the pebbles. Allow excess water to collect in the pebbles below the pot. As the water evaporates it increases the humidity around your plant. It also eliminates the need to pour off the excess water that collects in the saucer.

You won't need to repot your orchid for quite a while. Wait to repot it until it is done blooming, the potting mix has broken down or the plant becomes pot bound. This is usually about every 18 to 24 months.

Enjoy a second flush of flowers with cool nights and proper post-flowering care. Leave the flower stem intact and the plant may produce a second flush of smaller blooms at the tip of the stem. Or you can cut the flower stem back between the second and third node from the bottom. For the best rebloom and to allow the plant to replenish energy spent on flowering, prune the flower stem back to about one-half inch above the leaves and enjoy a second flush of flowers in about a year.

And if reblooming your orchid is too much work, treat it like a long-lasting bouquet. And if you can't stand to toss or compost it, give it to an avid gardener. There's always someone willing to adopt and try to rebloom your plant.

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## Younger Players to Make Key Impacts as Three Teams Have Legitimate Shots at League Titles

By Loren Kopff  
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**W**hile there is no shortage of senior talent for the area teams, this season may see the younger ones a chance to step up and show that they belong on a varsity team. Cerritos High, the defending 605 League champions, and Whitney High will again vie for the top position while La Mirada High is seeking a Mid-Cities League crown. Gahr High is hoping to stay within the top three of the tough Gateway League while John Glenn High hopes the injury bug doesn't plague the team again.

### ARTESIA PIONEERS

10-14 overall last season, 2-8 in the 605 League, fifth place

Head coach: Bonita Williams (first season)

Team's record previous five seasons: 71-64

Last time made the playoffs: 2022

STARTERS LOST: SR Ashlee Chung (13.1 points per game in eight games last season), Arianne Delgado (3.1 ppg.), Leyda Lira, Maya Reamer (5.6 ppg.)  
STARTERS RETURNING: SO Jasmine Ramirez (6.2 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Emily Ixta, SR Ashley Luna, SR Kendall Savage, SO Kimberly Ixta (4.4 ppg.)

TOP NEWCOMERS: SO Maliyah Seuga  
Artesia High was off to a solid start last season, winning six of its first nine games and nine of 15 following a 605 League opening win over John Glenn. But the Pioneers stumbled in the last nine games. Now Bonita Williams, mother of former Artesia standout and head coach Mollie Williams, takes over. This is her first head coaching job at the high school level, but she has coached travel ball for several years.

The Pioneers could be a mystery this season with one returning starter, but four other players with experience. Look for senior Kendall Savage and sophomores Kimberly Ixta, Jasmine Ramirez and Maliyah Seuga to be the leaders this season. Williams says all four have worked on their individual game and/or have played travel ball in the offseason.

"My main goal for this first year is to play hard defense," said Williams. "A successful season is winning 50 percent of our games and the girls learning that sports do not build character. It reveals it."

### CERRITOS DONS

24-11 overall last season, 10-0 in the 605 League, first place, lost to Oak Park High 71-41 in the CIF-SS Division 3AA championship game, lost to Notre Dame/Sherman Oaks High 71-60 in the CIF State Division II quarterfinals.  
Head coach: Marcus Chinen (11<sup>th</sup> season, 168-102)

Team's record previous five seasons: 81-57

Last time missed the playoffs: 2011

STARTERS LOST: Mailee Dizon (5.4 points per game last season), Oneyka Nwanze (17.4 ppg.), Mia Rivera (6.4 ppg.)

every practice and play with a sense of urgency."

The bad news for Cerritos and Chinen is that he lost eight players from last season's team that advanced to the CIF-SS Division 3AA championship game. The good news is that the cupboard is not dry as there are eight returning players who all got extensive minutes on the court. And, for this season, Chinen will have seven newcomers, two of which are seniors. He added that the varsity rookies bring lots of energy and are eager to prove that they can compete at the varsity level.

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STARTERS RETURNING: SR Ambar Multani (6.3 ppg.), JR Cameron Lacorte (7.2 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Lauren Sakamoto, SR Miya Scammahorn, SR Megan Wallace, SR Sophie Watanabe, SO Kalana Nguyen, SO Jordin Pulley  
TOP NEWCOMERS: Not available

For the second time in three seasons, head coach Marcus Chinen guided his team to the CIF-SS championship game. That came after the Dons went undefeated in league for the first time since the 2017-2018 season and third time in at least 27 seasons.

"Getting back to the CIF-SS finals was very special," he said. "The excitement of being in the finals was a great experience for the coaching staff and the team. I'm hoping that last year's playoff experience will keep this team focused and wanting to go deep in the playoffs."

Senior Ambar Multani and junior Cameron Lacorte are the only two starters returning, but collectively. Chinen said that all 15 girls had to learn how to play together through the spring, summer and fall leagues, and trust each other on the court.

"I really believe this team will be ready when we start playing games," said Chinen. "We have to battle in

The only concern for Chinen is that the team stays healthy as the Dons will have another competitive non-league schedule. They will return to the Corona Del Mar Tip-Off Classic, the Segerstrom Classic and the Southern California Holiday Prep Classic in San Diego as well as single games against Downey High and North Torrance High, to name a few.

### GAHR GLADIATORS

18-9 overall, 2-6 in the Gateway League, fourth place, lost to Santa Paula High 60-45 in the CIF-SS Division 4AA first round playoffs.

Head coach: Alfred Howard (third season, 44-17)

Team's record previous five seasons: 56-73

Last time missed the playoffs: 2022

STARTERS LOST: None  
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Jody Colbert (6.9 points per game last season), SR Chistine Ho (5.4 ppg.), SR Simarpreet Sogi (9.3 ppg.), SO Rachel Fredenburg (7.8 ppg.), SO Ella Mims (8.9 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Karen Barrocan, JR Chloe Beard  
TOP NEWCOMERS: SR Moriah Blanco, SR Ariel Salgado

Life in the Gateway League was not so kind to Gahr and head coach Alfred Howard. After going 26-8, tying for the Mid-Cities League title and advancing

to the CIF-SS Division 5AA championship game two seasons ago, the Gladiators won a pair of games in the much more competitive Gateway League and did not get out of the Division 4AA first round playoffs. But this year should be a bit better as all five starters come back.

"I believe last season, the team performed well, achieving an 18-8 record," said Howard. "Most of our losses were against some of the top teams in Southern California with four of those teams competing in CIF Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Our performance last season was strong enough that we secured a place in the Division 4 playoffs, which aligns with my original goals as a head coach of maintaining a winning record and consistently reaching the playoffs."

This is as solid of a starting five that you'll find in Southern California and mixes a trio of experienced seniors with a pair of up and coming stars who shined last season as freshmen. All five collectively averaged nearly 40 points a game and it's quite possible they could surpass 50 points a game.

Howard says sophomore Ella Sims is the most improved player as she put in a tremendous amount of work in the offseason, committing herself to consistent gym time and competing against some of the top national talent with her high-level travel ball team. He added that doing so has boosted her confidence and skills, which has garnered interest from the University of California, Berkeley, among other schools.

"Her growth promises to elevate her impact on the team this season," he said.

Junior Chloe Beard had to sit out 20 games last season but still dedicated herself to understanding the Gahr basketball system, and according to Howard, is focused on fitting into the team's structure while still playing her game, making her a valuable asset.

The Gladiators will have nine players on the team, at least for now, and should fit right back in the Mid-Cities where a top three finish is not out of the question. As part of its December schedule, Gahr will participate in the Marina Tournament where it could play teams from Nevada, Texas, Washington and of course, Southern California, giving the Gladiators a great chance to measure up to high-level teams outside the area,

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## CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 13 FOOTBALL SEMIFINAL PREVIEW

### Gahr Football Eyes First Trip to CIF-Southern Section Championship Game, Hosts Anaheim

By Loren Kopff  
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#### #4 Anaheim High (10-2) @ #1

**Gahr High (7-5)**-The dream season continues for Gahr as the top-seeded team in the CIF-Southern Section's Division 13 is one win away from doing something the program has never done before-reach the championship game. In fact, this is the second time ever the Gladiators have reached the semifinals. The other time was in 2007 when that team, behind the ariel attack of Corey Nielsen and Company, came up short against St. Paul High, falling 18-14 despite leading 7-3 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Gladiators had their way with Artesia High last Friday, coasting to a

34-7 win as junior quarterback Roman Acosta was 10 of 15 for 202 yards and four touchdowns while gaining 140 yards on nine carries and scoring on a nifty 95-yard run on third and 10 as the third quarter was winding down.

Gahr began the season with two straight losses, then won the next two before falling to Los Altos High 43-26 prior to its bye week. Once the blue and gold got into Mid-Cities League action, it scored at least 31 points in the first four games before getting blanked by league

champion Paramount High 36-0, finishing in third place behind the Pirates and Norwalk High.

Gahr enters the contest having scored 345 points while giving up 295 points.

For most of the season, senior Markell Slaughter, the ultimate utility player, was all over the field, rushing for 606 yards, which still leads the team, passing for 345 yards and catching 17 passes for 247 yards. But

he has been sidelined the past five weeks and is not expected to play against Anaheim.

In his absence, Gahr has used a plethora of rushers as 13 different players have accounted for 1,158 yards and scored a dozen touchdowns while Acosta had found nine receivers. In the first round against La Puente High, it was senior running back Dylan Richburg who stole the show, rushing for a season-high 143 yards and scoring three touchdowns while senior running back Ja'shon Wallace and junior Jai'Dyn Backus have filled in nicely to prove to opponents that Slaughter's injury isn't hurting the Gladiators.

Senior linebackers Evan Lucana and Isaiah Portillo, junior cornerback Alexander Gutierrez and junior linebacker Harlym Rayford, along with Richburg and Wallace lead an underrated defense that has averaged nearly 50 tackles a

[ See **GAHR**, page 13 ]





## CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 13 QUARTERFINALS

# Acosta's Five Combined Touchdowns Puts Gahr in Semifinals for the First Time Since 2007

By Loren Kopff  
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Sometimes when you get to the playoffs, you'll see some funky matchups, record-wise, that prognosticators will tend to favor the team with the better record. Case in point-one CIF-Southern Section Division 13 quarterfinal game pitted top-ranked Gahr High, which went 5-5 in the regular season, visiting Artesia High, which went 8-2 prior to the playoffs, and began the season on a five-game winning streak.

But like people always say, that's why you play the games, and for the first time since 2017, the two ABC Unified School District rivals faced each other.



**GAHR HIGH** junior **Jai'Dyn Backus** (#15) is tackled by Artesia High sophomore linebacker **Robert Garcia** after a three-yard gain on third down in the fourth quarter of last Friday's CIF-Southern Section Division 13 quarterfinal game. Three plays later, Gahr scored its last touchdown in a 34-7 victory. **Photo By Angel Franco.**

And for the fifth straight time in the series, the Gladiators prevailed behind Roman Acosta's running and passing. The junior quarterback posted a season-high 202 passing yards and four touchdowns while rushing for a career-high 140 yards and another touchdown as Gahr slammed the Pioneers 34-7 on a chilly 56 degree night last Friday at Atkins Stadium. Gahr, behind the tutelage of head coach Greg Marshall, in his 22nd season with the blue and gold, advances to the semifinals where it will host Anaheim High on Friday. It will be Gahr's second trip ever to the semifinals, but first since 2007.

"It's about time," said Marshall. "It's funny because you get there early in your career and [it's like], 'oh, we're going to go back'. So you have to [enjoy] the time that you have because it's not easy; it's definitely not easy.

"It's good to see the alumni guys back," he continued. "They're happy for us; I'm happy for the guys to rebound after the slow start to the season. Personally, it's all about the kids. I'm proud of them; they're doing a great job."

Acosta wasted little time making his presence known as he gained 28 yards on the first play of the game. Seven plays later, he tossed a short two-yard pass to senior Evan Lucena for the first touchdown of the contest. With the touchdown pass, another completion and his only run of the stanza, he had already compiled 65 yards through the first 12 minutes.

Meanwhile, the Gahr defense was making its presence known as well, holding the Pioneers to 13 yards on six plays as they punted on their first two possessions. But on the third possession, junior running back Josue Flores, with the help of his offensive linemen, muscled his way to the endzone for an eight-yard score and a tie game with 8:26 left in the half.

After that, Artesia (9-3) was able to run six more plays and by halftime, had gained 77 yards on only 15 plays in just over seven minutes of action.

"We just couldn't get it going, and when we were not making mistakes, they were making good plays, even though it was a couple of yard gains," said Artesia head coach Connor Crook. "Then we would break one and we would fumble, or something bad would happen or whatever. It was one of those nights where anything that can go wrong, will go wrong, it seemed like."

The first mistake he was talking about came with 3:42 left in the half as senior quarterback Charlie Lopez picked up a first down after a 21-yard run. But he fumbled at the Gahr 39-yard line, with senior linebacker Isaiah Portillo recovering the pigskin. While the Gladiators didn't score on the ensuing possession, the fumble prevented Artesia from scoring because Acosta had previously connected with junior wide receiver Alexander Gutierrez for a 37-yard scoring play.

By halftime, the Gladiators (7-5) were outgaining the Pioneers by over 100 yards and twice as many offensive plays. The second chance for Artesia to get some points came on the opening drive to begin the second half. A combination of rushes from Flores and Lopez put the ball at the 15-yard line before a 33-yard field goal attempt from sophomore Gio Martinez was unsuccessful.

Gahr took advantage of the missed opportunity and went up 21-7 with an Acosta to Gutierrez connection that went for 48 yards. Perhaps the turning point of the game came after the Pioneers went three and out, but a punt pinned the Gladiators back at the five-yard line. On third and 10, Acosta rolled out to his left, eluded a pair of tacklers that would have stopped him deep in Gahr territory, and sprinted down the Gladiator sideline for a 95-yard touchdown run with 20.7 seconds left in the third quarter.

"I saw an opening and I picked it," said Acosta. "I had great blockers; the O-line was great the whole game, and my receiver had that block. I saw daylight and I wasn't going to let anyone stop me.

"I was just confident," he continued. "I asked [Marshall], 'let me run the ball. I'm going to make something happen', and we did it, thanks to my line."

As Acosta was approaching the endzone, he turned around and backpedaled his way the final few yards. However, he confessed the emotions got the best of him; that it was unprofessional on his part, and he should have been a better leader and not have done that.

"I've said it to the kids a million times, when you make mistakes against good teams, they'll make us pay," said Crook. "That's kind of what happened. We made mistakes; we didn't capitalize on certain opportunities, and they did when they got the ball back. It's hard to win like that."

If that wasn't bad enough, Flores fumbled on the next play and Gahr took a lot of time off the clock, running 11 plays, picking up 56 yards in nearly seven minutes, tacking on its last touchdown—a 23-yard pass from Acosta to senior tight end Jacob Sikma.

Acosta completed 10 of 15 passes to eight different players while senior running



**GAHR HIGH** junior quarterback Roman Acosta was the star of the night against Artesia High in last Friday's CIF-Southern Section Division 13 quarterfinal game. Acosta completed 10 of 15 passes for 202 yards and four touchdowns and rushed nine times for 140 yards with another touchdown as the Gladiators defeated the Pioneers 34-7. **Photo By Angel Franco.**

back Ja'Shon Wallace and junior running back Jai'Dyn Backus combined for 68 yards on 22 carries, further illustrating that even without injured senior Markell Slaughter (team-leading 1,198 total yards), the Gladiators still have enough depth.

"We didn't plan on [Acosta] running and throwing the ball," said Marshall. "We thought we were going to run the ball, and they stuffed it. So, it was good to see that we have the versatility."

"They have some dudes on their team," said Crook. "[Acosta] is a little, tough quarterback. He was fast, he was tough, and it just seemed like we would get him to a third or even a fourth down, and they would just get one more yard or extra yard to get the first [down]. We were tough, but they were tougher tonight."

Junior linebacker Harlym Rayford led Gahr with six tackles while Lucena added five tackles. This marked the fourth time the defense has held an opponent to only one touchdown, and two other times, Gahr allowed less than 15 points. It was the same defense that limited Lopez to 57 yards on nine carries, the second fewest yards this season. Flores picked up 81 yards on 15 touches while defensively sophomore linebacker Robert Garcia led the red and black with seven and a half tackles while junior lineman Maximus Garcia added four and a half tackles.

"I don't know what's up because I watched every game that they've played and he just takes games over," Marshall of Lopez. "[He's like] I'm not handing it off, I'm gone. I don't think he ever got into that groove. It's kind of interesting.

"I didn't think they could stop us, but I didn't know if we could stop them," he later said. "We kind of settled down in there because that offense is a little different because of that option read thing. We can't duplicate that, so it took them a little time to get used to it and once we got that, then we kind of played solid there. I'm so proud of the guys."

"I knew my team was capable; I knew we had it in us," said Acosta. "We just had to execute the gameplan and we

did exactly that. We're going to try to keep it going all the way to the finals and hopefully state.

"They stepped up when needed and was physical," he later said of the defense. "We had helmets clank and clank and that's the type of game we like to play, and we showed them who we are, today."

While the Gladiators will be the third different district school to advance to the semifinals in consecutive seasons, the Pioneers finish with the program's second best season since 2018 (10-4). Before that, the best any Artesia team had gone since at least 1997 was 8-3, which was back in 2005.

"On paper, it was a good year and 9-3 is one of the better records that we've had here in a while," said Crook. "My first year here, they were all freshmen. I was an assistant coach on varsity... and it's been good watching them grow up throughout the years and seeing these guys do this in their senior season. They're going to leave a legacy of winning, hopefully, going forward. I'm proud of them, and it was a good year."

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according to Howard.

“Turning this team around from barely winning five games in consecutive seasons and missing the playoffs for years to consistently going .500 and making the playoffs is a significant accomplishment,” said Howard. “Achieving this in two years reflects the players’ dedication and the culture we’ve built.”

**JOHN GLENN EAGLES**

**4-19 overall last season, 0-10 in the 605 League, sixth place**

**Head coach: Eric Peterson (fourth season, 9-58)**

**Team’s record previous five seasons: 20-84**

**Last time made the playoffs: 2011**

STARTERS LOST: Destiny Aguilar (4.0 points per game last season), Emily Garcia (3.5 ppg.), Gianna Morales (2.3 ppg.), Alex Rodriguez

STARTERS RETURNING: JR Erisa Ramos (3.9 ppg. in 12 games)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Maritza Corona, SR Natalie Zepeda, JR Michelle Marin

TOP NEWCOMERS: FR Johnie Curl

It’s been rough going for the Glenn program, which is in a 13-year playoff drought and has had a losing season each of those years. Injuries, dwindling numbers, turnovers and a lack of scoring have contributed to Glenn’s futility for the last decade, even when the program won 13 games in the 2017-2018 season and 11 games two seasons later.

Last season, 10 of 12 players started at least one game because of the injuries the Eagles had and this season, they will field 12 players again, one of whom is a returning starter with three others coming back from last season. Junior Errisa Ramos, who scored in half the games, is the most improved returning player, according to head coach Eric Peterson, because of the hard work on her game. She scored 52 points, the most of any of the returning players while senior Natalie Zepeda scored 43 points. The other returning players combined to score 14 points. Senior Aliyah Ramirez returns after missing last season and gives the team some depth at the center position along with freshman Johnie Curl. Glenn never scored more than 42 points in any game last season and averaged 15.3 points per game in league action.

“If we would have stayed healthy last year, we probably would have won three or more games,” said Peterson. “My only concern is staying healthy.”

**LA MIRADA MATADORES**

**22-7 overall last season, 8-2 in the Mid-Cities League, second place, lost to Colton High 43-42 in the CIF-SS Division 5AA semifinals, lost to Montgomery High 75-41 in the CIF State Division V quarterfinals.**

**Head coach: Victoria Luong (fifth season, 34-38)**

**Team’s record previous five seasons: 43-53**

**Last time missed the playoffs: 2023**

STARTERS LOST: Jirah Domingo (20.0 points per game last season)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Jael Arreguin (13.0 ppg.), SR Emily Gonzalez (4.4 ppg.), SR Nayeli Tamayo, SO Jordin Shaw (7.6 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Destiny Elmore, SR Hailey Medrano, SR Francella Ortiz, SR Simran Sahota (2.7 ppg.)

TOP NEWCOMERS: SR Natalie Juarez, SR Yased Puentes

One of the feel good stories in the area continues to be La Mirada, which hopes to build off last season and make a move up to win a Mid-Cities League title. The Matadores reached the semifinals for the first time in school history and because of that, played in the program’s first state playoff game.

“Last season was definitely a school record in many ways,” said head coach Victoria Luong. “It is the best we have done in girls basketball in school history. Although we only had one senior last year, she was indeed our star player and leading scorer. It was a great experience for all the girls to gain the experience that they had as a team and see how they have developed over the past three years. We are hopeful for a successful season coming up this winter.”

Senior Jael Arreguin takes over as the team’s leading scorer and will have players to compliment her in that category, especially sophomore Jordin Shaw, who shined as a freshman. She is the lone non-senior on this season’s team, which will have 10 players.

Luong says senior Destiny Elmore is the most improved player, who put in extra time to work on her game and has shown drastic improvements. She is slated to move into the starting lineup. With all the senior talent, Luong says her team has the potential and ability to win the league but has to show up and play their game and stay injury-free.

Luong added that she doesn’t have any concerns, though several players were part of the flag football team this past fall and did participate in any fall basketball activities.

“It is quite the task to get them on track and up to speed on everything since their time on the court has been limited,” said Luong. “However, they have transitioned pretty well and are ready for this upcoming season. We just need to make sure that players step up and score to make up for Jirah [Domingo’s] absence this season.

“The girls are looking strong and should do well if they execute everything they have learned thus far,” she continued. “I am proud of the girls of everything they have accomplished over the years and it’s time for them to make the most of their senior year.”

For the first time in the program’s history, La Mirada will be hosting a tournament, which will consist of two pools of four teams. Joining La Mirada will be Anaheim High, Crean Lutheran High, Glendora High, Loara High, Millikan High, Pacifica High and Sunny Hills High.

**NORWALK LANCERS**

**13-16 overall last season, 7-3 in the Mid-Cities League, third place, lost to Marina High 61-29 in the CIF-SS Division 4AA first round playoffs.**

**Head coach: Ashley Baclaan (ninth season, 102-93)**

**Team’s record previous five seasons: 64-56**

**Last time missed the playoffs: 2017**

STARTERS LOST: Keilani Ganancial (20.9 points per game last season), Rhean Pasqual (4.1 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Janii McGarrh (4.6 ppg.), SR Anahi Rodriguez (3.4 ppg.), JR Monica Ruiz (3.6 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Celine Zavala, JR Isabella Barrera, JR Katlyn Moreno

TOP NEWCOMERS: FR Connie Esquivel

It’s hard to win many games and go far in the playoffs when very few players step up other than the team leader. But that’s what was staring Norwalk High and head coach Ashley Baclaan in the face. After recent graduate Keilani Ganancial averaged close to 21 points a game last season, scoring was slim pickings as four other players combined to score in double figures eight times.

However, Baclaan says returning senior starters Janii McGarrh and Anahi Rodriguez and junior returning starter Monica Ruiz have been bringing great energy and communication to the team

and helping build and create an aggressive setting, especially on the defensive end. According to the longest tenured head coach in the program’s history, junior Isabella Barrera has been a great communicator to the rest of the team and is starting to get comfortable with her footwork and post area presence while junior Katlyn Moreno has been working hard at trying to fill the one or two-guard position. If she can stay settled and patient with the offense, she can definitely find her spots for shooting, Baclaan added.

“It was tough, when not being able to have at least two to three consistent players putting up numbers, especially if our defense breaks down within possessions,” said Baclaan. “But the girls have been working through the offseason; just constantly drilling our fundamentals and concepts. And with the addition of Connie, I think she’ll be of great help in this area. She’s been working and getting more comfortable with the game and the team.”

Baclaan was referring to freshman Connie Esquivel, one of three ninth graders on the team, who is expected to bring a great inside presence to the Lancers. Baclaan says she can hit a decent mid-range shot when set and she is excited to see how her impact can elevate the other players.

The key to having a successful season is for the team to have consistency playing as a team, according to Baclaan. She says even if it’s one kid that might drift into herself and own head, it can affect the team’s flow.

“But I’m hoping that won’t be the case, and I think we have some great kids trying to step up in their leadership role that will keep it together,” she added. “Even with several returners, I think we’re at our most raw/young state in a while. In a way, it’s exciting because it’s a group to try and start fresh with everything. As always, we’re just ready for a new season, and new opportunities to get better and grow.”

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN DEFENDERS**  
**9-17 overall last season, 2-8 in the Olympic League, fourth place**

**Head coach: Dan Leffler (third season, second stint, 17-36)**

**Team’s record previous five seasons: 46-81**

**Last time made the playoffs: 2022**

STARTERS LOST: Jada Thompson  
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Chayse Chambers (3.4 points per game last season), JR Liana Lopez (3.3 ppg.), JR Gracie Verhoef (4.3 ppg.), SO Hannah Burgoyne (18.0 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Bryley Acker, JR Aniyah Peoples (2.5 ppg.)

TOP NEWCOMERS: Not available  
Valley Christian High was young last season with just one senior of a team that had 11 players on opening day but ended the season with less than that. However, the Defenders showed signs of promise with then-freshman sensation Hannah Burgoyne, who flustered opponents with her 18 points per game average. She will be a main force in the offensive attack, while senior Chayse Chambers and juniors Liana Lopez and Gracie Verhoef figure to pick up the scoring a bit.

Last season, V.C. had six sophomores, two juniors and two freshmen along with the graduated Jada Thompson. This season, the Defenders will field a team of six freshmen, three seniors, three juniors and one sophomore.

**WHITNEY WILDCATS**

**19-10 overall last season, 8-2 in the 605 League, second place, lost to Calvary Chapel (Santa Ana) High 65-40 in the CIF-SS Division 2A first round playoffs.**  
**Head coach: Myron Jacobs (sixth season, 78-49)**

**Team’s record previous five seasons: 78-49**

STARTERS LOST: Kylie Wang (15.9 points per game last season), SR Mady Macaraeg (8.5 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Haylie Wang (15.9 ppg.), SR Allie Yamaguchi (2.3 ppg.), SO Alyssa So (11.7 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Sarai Carter, SR Kiera Kato, SR Rachel Moyher, JR Tina Namiranian, SO Cheyanne Cheung  
TOP NEWCOMERS: SR Madison Velazquez, JR Alhea D’Costa, SO Keila Kurihara

Last season, Whitney was built around a rock solid starting five and a supporting cast of six that was trying to pick up the slack. Whitney began the season knowing it was in Division 2A, but getting back there this season could be different as the CIF-SS will be employing the same system it has been using for football, meaning you won’t know what division anyone is in until the regular season is over.

Either way, head coach Myron Jacobs has done a tremendous job with the program and the Wildcats once again have the talent to supplant Cerritos for the top spot in the 605 League.

“Last year is last year and we had a team that was good and could have won league, but didn’t,” said Jacobs. “We still finished 8-2 in league which I think is very respectable.”

Jacobs said not much changed in the offseason because he didn’t know if he was coming back as he is pursuing opportunities at the collegiate level. But when you have returning players like senior starters Haylie Wang and Allie Yamaguchi and sophomore Alyssa So coming back, plus five other players that are vying for the other two starting positions, it’s easy to see why the Wildcats are a force to be reckon with.

“I have five girls who all have gotten better over the summer,” said Jacobs. “Haylie, Alyssa, [junior] Tina [Namiranian], Rachel and [sophomore] Cheyanne [Cheung]... I’ll let their game speak for itself. Just know Tina, by far, is the most improved kid.”

Whitney will feature a trio of varsity newcomers in senior Madison Velazquez, who brings high basketball IQ and will be an asset with her rebounding and defensive play, according to Jacobs, junior Alhea D’Costa, who also possesses great defense and sophomore Keila Kurihara, who is a young shooter from the three-point line.

The concerns Jacobs has for this season is mistakes, which he says will always happen, but he’s also quick to remind those that this is Whitney High, and the program doesn’t get 40 kids like most high schools.

“We only get 19, if we’re lucky, maybe 22,” he said. “We don’t get transfers, so we have to coach and build a player up and honestly, being the head coach for my sixth season, I think we do a really good job at it.”

Jacobs says his expectations for the season are the same as the previous seasons-to give the kids a great experience, have fun and compete to the highest level and to try to win league and go deep in the playoffs.

“That will never change and any girl who plays in the program knows that is non-negotiable,” said Jacobs. “So, we’re going to stack days, continue to get better and if you look at our schedule, I set games early out of the gate to get my girls battle tested. So when league comes, we’re ready. But most of all, we’re getting better by the week.”



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game and recorded 19 sacks. After giving up 121 in the first three games, Gahr has yielded 174 since then.

Anaheim is coming off a 24-19 win over Arrowhead Christian High, building a 24-0 lead before the Eagles scored all their points in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Jason Garrett completed six of eight passes for 121 yards and Jacob Campbell was true on two of four passes for 85 yards as each threw a touchdown pass. The Colonists rushed 27 times for 104 yards, led by Eduardo Guardado's 57 yards on 19 carries. He scored the other touchdown and is the team's leading ground gainer with 960 yards and a dozen touchdowns. Next is Garrett with 425 yards and 14 touchdowns as Anaheim has rushed for just over 2,000 yards.

When Garrett goes to the air, in which he has completed 100 passes for 1,392 yards and 10 touchdowns, his leading receivers have been Armando Torres (45 receptions, 818 yards, four touchdowns, and Xavier Aviles (32 receptions, 416 yards, four touchdowns).

Anaheim is riding a seven-game winning streak in which it has outscored its opponents 225-108. The lone losses for the Tango League champions were to Rancho Alamitos High (42-14) in the second game of the season and to Western High (48-0) three weeks later.

Gahr's offensive line must be on its game because the Colonists have sacked opposing quarterbacks 19 and a half times, led by Leiden Sisifo and Derick Bojorquez, who have 10 and half sacks

and four sacks, respectively and five players have combined for 13 interceptions with Torres getting five and Aviles another four.

This is the first meeting between the two in at least 27 seasons and Anaheim is seeking its first trip back to the divisional finals since 2006. Overall, the Colonists have played for a CIF divisional title seven times, winning in 1940 and 1967.

Anaheim and Gahr have one common opponent-Ocean View High with both defeating the Seahawks on the road by 10 and eight points on Aug. 30 and Sept. 6, respectively. The winner of this semifinal will face either third-seeded Lynwood High or Pasadena High in the finals. Gahr would be on the road against either team.

**Prediction: Gahr 31, Anaheim 28**  
**Season to date: 48-18**

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the units, specifically 1-bedroom apartments, are reserved for veterans who have experienced homelessness. In addition to housing, the Veterans Villas provide case management and support services tailored to the needs of each resident.

"The veterans who have been unhoused will live here and will not pay more than 30% of their income toward housing," said Ed Holder, Mercy Housing's vice president of real estate development. "In addition, it also comes with case management and the support services that the veteran needs to reestablish whatever foundation that is needed — they will meet them where they are."

To prepare the site for its opening, the

City of Norwalk hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony that included a celebration of veterans. Speakers explained the long-term impact and significance of affordable housing for communities, in this case, and veterans specifically. Not only do these apartments serve as housing, but they also provide a network for building a strong community among veterans, offering hope for the future.

"Veterans Villas offer a safe and welcoming environment designed to support those who have served our nation. Each day residents will have a roof over their head and a true sense of belonging. Here they'll connect with services that will address their unique needs, whether it's professional resources, mental health support or simply a community that cares," said Norwalk's Vice Mayor Tony Ayala.

Invited speakers in attendance were Bob Archuleta, the 64th District Senator for California, and Blanca Pacheco, California's 64th District Assemblymember. They were invited to show their support for the project and to acknowledge the importance of affordable housing for veterans. Janice Hahn, the Los Angeles County Supervisor, and Linda T. Sanchez, the U.S. 38th District Congresswoman, were invited, but not in attendance. However, Sanchez did provide a representative on her behalf.

The City of Norwalk along with Mercy Housing, the collaborator for the project were awarded certificates of recognition and achievement by Archuleta, Pacheco and Sanchez.

"Our veterans have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms and it is our responsibility to ensure that they have the resources and support they need

to thrive in our community. This facility is a testament to the City of Norwalk's dedication to honoring and caring for those who have served" Pacheco said.

Offering the stage to Senior Vice Commander, VFW 7734 and Veterans Commissioner for Pico Rivera, offered a poignant and striking perspective that called attention to the need for affordable housing.

"Progress has been made, but veterans should not be sleeping on the street," Perez said in his speech.

Norwalk's Veterans Villas can be found at the corner of San Antonio Drive and Foster Road. Visit [www.mercyhousing.org/california/norwalkveteransvillas/](http://www.mercyhousing.org/california/norwalkveteransvillas/) to access more information regarding housing facilities, applications and learn about more amenities the villas have to offer.



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#### NOTICE AND SUMMARIES OF ORDINANCE NOS. 24-960, 24-961, & 24-964

Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 2024, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of the Ordinance Nos. 24-960, 24-961, 24-964, making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code.

**Ordinance No. 24-960:** Adding Article 46 to the City Municipal Code to Prohibit Short-Term Rentals Throughout the City and Finding the Action Exempt from CEQA Under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3). The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- The proposed ordinance would amend AMC Section 6-2.114 to prohibit short-term rentals throughout the City.

**Ordinance No. 24-964:** Amending Sections 6-2.114 of Chapter 2 (Solid Waste and Recycling) of Article 1 (Garbage, Rubbish and Waste Materials) of Title 6 (Sanitation and Health) of the Artesia Municipal Code regarding to the time, date and location of the placement of containers for waste collection and finding the action exempt from CEQA under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15061(b)(3). The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- The proposed ordinance would amend AMC Section 6-2.114 to permit containers for solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic waste to be placed in an alley, street, or on a curb no earlier than 6:00 PM the night before the designated garbage collection day. The proposed ordinance would also require that containers be removed no later than 8:00 PM on the designated garbage collection day.

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

Date: November 21, 2024

Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

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#### NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-957

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AND PUBLIC UTILITY, THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING WATER FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES UNDER, ALONG, ACROSS, OR UPON CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, AND ALLEYS, AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST, WITHIN SAID MUNICIPALITY**

Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 2024, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 24-957 granting Golden State Water Company a franchise agreement. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance. If adopted the Ordinance would:

- Establish a 10-year term for the franchise agreement;
- Require Golden State Water Company to comply with construction standards at the federal, state, and local levels;
- Provide the City 2% of Golden State Water Company's gross annual receipts; and
- Reimburse the City for the costs of publishing the public hearing notice.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.

Date: November 21, 2024

Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the project described below. You are receiving this notice because your property is located near the project, the project may directly, or indirectly affect you, or because you have requested to be notified.

Project: 9406 Washington Boulevard (Attachment A.)  
Location: Assessor's Parcel Number: 6383-001-025, 6383-001-026  
Project: Conditional Use Permit No. 759 for an outpatient medical facility.  
Description: The project proposes exterior tenant improvements that include upgrades to the landscaping, parking lot, and elevations of the existing building. The project also proposes interior tenant improvements that include, but is not limited to, a pharmacy and exam rooms.  
Environmental: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the Review: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1(a) – Existing Facilities. None of the exceptions to the exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

The Planning Commission Public Hearing will be held:

DATE: Monday, December 2, 2024  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers  
6615 Passons Boulevard  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

If you challenge the action taken on this proposal 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 in correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk prior to or at the public hearing.

Additional information online or in person can be obtained here:

Project Planner: Eba Soleimani, Assistant Planner  
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562-801-4321  
Community & Economic Development Department  
6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California  
<https://www.pico-rivera.org/our-city/city-commissions/planning-commission/>

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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 City Clerks Office at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.

ATTACHMENT "A"



9406 Washington Boulevard

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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated. 10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 12/04/2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Aaron Young Ladislao Sanchez Ryan Frederick Roggie Padilla Lynette codrington Roosevelt Dixon Natasha Castillo Madrid Gerardo Katigbak Yakima Powell-Lee Summer Simpson Curtis Morse Dee Herd Maria Alvarado Edmundo Falcon Karen Jaramillo Rebecca Cenicerros Smith Damion Shikondi Henderson Dutter Robert Kristen Purcell

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 10655-AK  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: F. BROILER 170, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION-4633 CANDLEWOOD ST., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
Doing Business as: THE FLAME BROILER #00170  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE  
The name(s) and business address of the Buyer(s) is/are: THE FLAME BROILER, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 4633 CANDLEWOOD ST., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT and are located at: 4633 CANDLEWOOD ST., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 12, 2024  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD #105, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the last date for filing claims shall be DECEMBER 11, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: NOVEMBER 6, 2024  
BUYER: THE FLAME BROILER, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA  
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing pertaining to the following item:

HEARING BODY:	Planning Commission
DATE OF HEARING:	December 4, 2024
TIME OF HEARING:	6:00 P.M.
LOCATION OF HEARING:	City Hall, Council Chambers City of Hawaiian Gardens 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

**PUBLIC HEARING: CASE NO. PLNG2021-0001 (6TH Cycle Housing Element Update).** The Planning Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing to review, discuss, and consider recommending approval to the City Council of the draft 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element.

**CASE NOS. PLNG2024-0102 & PLNG 2024-0103** is a City-initiated request regarding the Housing Element update for the 2021-2029 planning period pursuant to State of California Housing Element Law. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending that the City Council approve and adopt rezoning 22601 Norwalk Blvd. (APNs: 7075-020-007, 010) to Mixed-Use 1 (MU-1); 12529 E. Carson St. (APNs: 7066-013-059, 060, 061, 062, 063) to Mixed-Use 2 (MU-2); 12507 E. Carson St. (APNs: 7066-013-046, 057, 064, 913) to MU-1; 12441 Farlow St. (APN: 7066-013-020) to Religious Institution Housing; 21418 Norwalk Blvd. (APN: 7066-021-026) to MU-1; and 21101 Norwalk Blvd. (APN: 7065-001-015) to MU-2. The Planning Commission will also consider a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Code Amendment, and amendments related to Zoning Maps. No development or construction is proposed in conjunction with this action.

**CEQA DETERMINATION:** Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65759, the California Environmental Quality Act does apply to this action as it is necessary to bring its General Plan or relevant mandatory elements of the Plan into compliance with a court order or judgment.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641 Ext 244. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641 Ext 244.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the applications as outlined above. If you challenge the Planning Commission's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS  
**SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-619**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 6.28 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING FIREWORK REGULATIONS AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

On November 13, 2024, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens adopted Ordinance No. 2024-619, amending Chapter 6.28 of the municipal code. The ordinance more clearly defines prohibited activities and allowed firework usage periods, implements stricter rules regarding the possession and use of fireworks by minors, and increases the fine amounts for violations of this Chapter for the purpose of protecting public health and safety within the City.

The City Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2024-619, by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

Posted: November 20, 2024  
Published: November 22, 2024

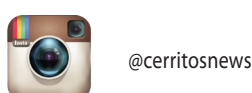
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 24-17032-TN  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: ERIC TRAN AND YEN BAO LE, 12144 EAST CARSON ST #H, HAWAIIAN GARDEN, CA 90716  
Doing Business as: EIGHTFOLD TEA SHOPPE  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE  
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: THI THANH THUY VU, 11782 OLD FASHION WAY, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL FURNITURES, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, INVENTORY, LEASE, AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 12144 EAST CARSON ST #H, HAWAIIAN GARDEN, CA 90716  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, INC., 13305 BROOKHURST STREET GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 12, 2024  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: LUCKY TEAM ESCROW, 13305 BROOKHURST ST, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843 and the last date for filing claims shall be DECEMBER 11, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: NOVEMBER 8, 2024  
BUYER: THI THANH THUY VU  
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Notice of Ordinance Adoption – Urgency Ordinance No. 1152

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, the Santa Fe Springs City Council passed Urgency Ordinance No. 1152, which contains the following title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1152**

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 155.425 (SPECIAL NOISE SOURCES) OF CHAPTER 155 (ZONING) OF TITLE 15 (LAND USAGE) OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 36934 AND 36937

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS who wish to obtain a copy of the full ordinance may contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 868-0511 or email [cityclerk@santafesprings.org](mailto:cityclerk@santafesprings.org)

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**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**ADA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT. CIP NO. 50118**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Pico Rivera, California (“City”) invites Bids for the Project. Bids will be received electronically only through Planet Bids system (<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home>). A bid received after the time set for the bid opening shall not be considered. Bidders are required to submit (upload) all items listed in the BIDDER'S CHECKLIST including acknowledgement of all addenda. Bids will be received prior to **2:00 p.m. on December 18, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened on the City's approved electronic procurement platform.

**SUBMISSION OF BIDS.** All Bidders are required to enter and submit their bid pricing electronically via Planet Bids' Bid Schedule Tab. In addition, an electronic copy of the Bid Proposal Package must be uploaded to the Planet Bids system.

**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. Time for completion of the Work is **Thirty (30) total Working Days** from the date specified in the Notices to Proceed and shall be inclusive of the procurement time to furnish and install all materials associated with this project. **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 enforced.**

**OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS.** Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents online by visiting <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/41481/portal-home>. Hard copies of the Contract Documents are not available at this time.

**LICENSES.** Each Bidder shall possess either a valid Class “A” Contractor's license or valid class C-8 specialty license issued by the California State Contractors License Board.

**MANDATORY SECTION 3 PRE-BID MEETING:** A mandatory Section 3 Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **December 5, 2024 at 11:00 am, at the Pico Rivera City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd., Pico Rivera, CA 90660**

**MATERIALS SUBSTITUTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS.** Bidders are required to post their questions or equivalent material substitutions on the PlanetBids System prior to 4:00 pm on December 9, 2024, (9 days prior to bid due date). 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 PlanetBids System any applicable Addenda and/or supplemental information by 4:00 pm on December 12, 2024.

**CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name: Aaron Hernandez-Torres, PE.  
Contact Number: 562-801-4029  
E-mail address: [AHernandez-Torres@pico-rivera.org](mailto:AHernandez-Torres@pico-rivera.org)

By: Noe Negrete, PE. 11/22/2024  
Public Works Director Date

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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
UTILITY USERS' TAX**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Bellflower City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider whether the Utility Users' Tax shall continue in effect or be modified or repealed.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org), or by appointment in the City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2220. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at [cclerk@bellflower.org](mailto:cclerk@bellflower.org).

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

**Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk**

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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: **17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, Ca. 90706 on December 4, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.**

Meisha Stanford

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

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**Database Administrator-Cerritos**

Executive Development LLC in Cerritos, CA seeks a database administrator to create methods to create methods to store, organize, and present data efficiently; administer a variety of database systems including Microsoft SQL Server, File maker Pro, and others; set up new website databases; integrate old systems data with a new system; test and coordinate modifications; troubleshoot and correct issues as they arise; assume the technical lead for SQL Server and online database projects; enhance or build database designs. must have a bachelor's degree in Information Technology, Computer Science, or other computer-related subjects.

**Annual Salary: \$67142 to \$70000.**

**Mail resume to:**

**17777 Center Court Dr., Suite N 725,  
Cerritos, CA 90703 Attn: Philip Lee.**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DANIEL THOMAS ROMO**

Case No. 24STPB12137  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DANIEL THOMAS ROMO  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Katherine Marie Romo in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Katherine Marie Romo be appointed as Special Administrator with General Powers 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 Dec. 6, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
HAROUN R NABHAN ESQ  
SBN272273  
NABHAN LAW  
500 MOUND AVE  
SOUTH PASADENA CA 91030  
CN111610 ROMO Nov 8,15,22, 2024

**T.S. No.: 240806366**

**Notice of Trustee's Sale**  
Loan No.: FR4032805 Order No. 95529687 APN: 7068-020-028 Property Address: 21928 Devlin Avenue Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 5/25/2022. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. No cashier's checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: Josefina Valdivia, a widow and Rogelio Valdivia, a single man as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Recorded 7/12/2022 as Instrument No. 20220712617 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 12/17/2024 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$644,967.79 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 21928 Devlin Avenue Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 A.P.N.: 7068-020-028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet Web site [www.mkconsultantsinc.com](http://www.mkconsultantsinc.com), using the file number assigned to this case 240806366. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website site [www.tlssales.info](http://www.tlssales.info), using the file number assigned to this case 240806366 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/13/2024 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: Kim Lokey, Trustee Sales Officer. LCCN 11/22, 11/29, 12/6

**NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday December 10th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

**NAME UNIT**

Lazaro Fernando Morua F168

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

**NAME UNIT #**

Charles Jermaine Jones B485

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party. Publication Dates: 11/22/24 & 11/29/2024

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**NOTICE OF \$20,000 REWARD  
OFFERED BY THE**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has extended the \$20,000 reward offered in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the heinous murder of 40-year-old Carlos Alvarez-Diaz, who was fatally shot while he drove north on Norwalk Boulevard at 226th Street in the City of Hawaiian Gardens, on October 8, 2022, at approximately 1:09 a.m. Si no entienda esta noticia o necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar al (213) 974-1579. Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Lieutenant Patricia Thomas at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5564 or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 and refer to Report No. 020-09995-0372-011. The terms of the reward provide that: The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than May 2, 2025. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than July 1, 2025. The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$20,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes. The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate. Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than July 1, 2025, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Carlos Alvarez-Diaz Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579. EDWARD YEN EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CN112184 04230 Nov 22,29, Dec 6,13,20,27, 2024, Jan 3,10,17,24, 2025





## PICO RIVERA RAIL STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

### ESTUDIO DE VIABILIDAD DE LA ESTACION DE TREN DE PICO RIVERA

Metro and the City of Pico Rivera are exploring the feasibility of a new passenger rail station in Pico Rivera that may be served by Metrolink and/or Amtrak in the future.\*

#### The study will:

- > Explore adding a new passenger station in Pico Rivera on the existing railroad corridor that connects LA Union Station to Anaheim.
- > Look at mobility, economic benefits, feasibility, operations, environmental impacts, and more.
- > Wrap up in spring 2025 with site selection, community feedback, and a basic design.

Metro y la ciudad de Pico Rivera están explorando la viabilidad de una nueva estación de tren de pasajeros en Pico Rivera que puede ser servido por Metrolink y / o Amtrak en el futuro.\*

#### El Estudio:

- > Explorará la posibilidad de agregar una nueva estación de pasajeros en Pico Rivera en el corredor ferroviario existente que conecta la estación Union Station de Los Angeles con Anaheim.
- > Analizará la movilidad, beneficios económicos, viabilidad, operaciones, impactos ambientales y otros aspectos.
- > Concluirá en la primavera de 2025 con la selección del sitio, retroalimentación de la comunidad y un diseño básico.

\*This is NOT the Eastside (Gold Line) Transit Corridor Extension being planned by Metro. For complete details, please visit [metro.net/eastsidephase2](http://metro.net/eastsidephase2).

\*Esta NO es la extensión del corredor de tránsito del lado este (Línea Dorada) que Metro está planificando. Para obtener detalles completos, Para más información, visite [metro.net/eastsidephase2](http://metro.net/eastsidephase2).



### Your input is valuable and highly encouraged!

Take a short survey by Monday, December 9 at 11:59pm for a chance to **win one of two \$50 gift cards!**

Visit [bit.ly/PR-RailSurvey](http://bit.ly/PR-RailSurvey) or scan the QR Code below.

### ¡Su aportación es valiosa y muy recomendable!

¡Responda una breve encuesta antes del lunes 9 de diciembre a las 11:59pm para tener **la oportunidad de ganar una de las dos tarjetas regalo de \$50!**

Visite [bit.ly/PR-RailSurvey](http://bit.ly/PR-RailSurvey) o escanee el código QR a continuación.

Stay updated on the project by visiting our website at:

Manténgase informado sobre el proyecto visitando nuestro sitio web en: [pico-rivera.org/pico-rivera-passenger-rail-station](http://pico-rivera.org/pico-rivera-passenger-rail-station)



**Metro**

