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Coup at Central Basin: Rogue Board and Attorney Take Over Agency, Install Puppet Management

By Brian Hews

After losing her Central Basin Water District 1 seat in Tuesday's election and after the Board illegally removed Art Chacon as president, the new CB Board majority of Juan Garza, Martha Camacho Rodriguez, Nem Ochoa, and Joana Mareno inexplicably appointed Camacho Rodriguez as president.

Ochoa and Mareno, recently appointed to represent water purveyors, did not waste any time violating Government and Central Basin Administrative Codes at their last board meeting, illegally voting with Garza, ignoring the fact Garza has a \$50,000 state business tax lien on his home and that Garza was a paid consultant with La Luz del Mundo Church during the trial and conviction of the church's leader for sexual trafficking and having sex with

minors.

Ochoa is the GM of Golden State Water, and Moreno is a Civil Engineer with the city of Vernon; even more suspect, Moreno will term out in February 2025, and sources are telling LCCN that Ochoa was promised a seat on the Metropolitan Water District Board.

LCCN has obtained an email from Elaine Jeng, whose own job was saved by another illegal vote by Garza, Camacho, Ochoa, and Moreno at the same meeting.

The four "fired" GM Dr. Alex Rojas violating a 2015 State Audit mandate and CB's Administrative Code, both requiring six votes for action.

Chacon and Directors Jim Crawford and Leticia Vasquez-Wilson did not attend the meeting, so only four board members were present.

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Pico Rivera PRIME Energy Program Good for the Environment and the City's Infrastructure

The solar program allows residents to lower energy bills and sell excess energy back to the city which funds local programs & projects.

By Laurie Hanson

An innovative, environmentally conscious power program in Pico Rivera is saving residents money while infusing the local economy.

The Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy (PRIME), short for Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy, is a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program that allows the city to provide cleaner and more affordable electricity options directly to residents and businesses.

Inspired by successful CCA models in California, including in Marin County, Sonoma

County, and the City of Lancaster, PRIME pioneers locally governed energy solutions that are aligned with the city's environmental sustainability and economic goals.

Other places in the state that use similar models to provide locally controlled energy include Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco.

"What sets Pico Rivera's PRIME program apart is its exclusive focus on serving Pico Rivera residents, unlike neighboring CCAs that span multiple cities—with one nearby CCA including around 35 participating cities," said Victor H. Ferrer, General Manager of the City of Pico Rivera's Office of Sustainability. "PRIME is uniquely governed by our City Council, acting as its board, allowing for truly localized control."

"This structure enables PRIME to tailor programs,

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DIA DE MUERTOS AT ARTESIA CEMETERY DISTRICT

OFRENDA TABLE: Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead altars/ofrendas, like the one above at the Artesia Cemetery this past weekend, are structures dedicated to the deceased, upon which gifts and offerings are placed in order to guide their spirits back among the living just for the holiday.

What Trump's Victory Means for Education in California

By Diana Lambert, Zaidee Stavely, John Fensterwald, Karen D'Souza, Amy DiPierro, and Michael Burke
Ed Source

The re-election of Donald Trump is certain to bring a period of conflict, tension and litigation between the White House and California's political and education leaders whose policies and values the president castigates. It also could potentially have major implications for California schools.

Trump, whose position on education has focused more on cultural ideology than on policies to improve education, has threatened to cut school funding to states, such as California, that protect transgender students and promote diversity, equity and inclusion programs in its schools. He also has pledged to deport undocumented immigrants en masse, a move that would impact millions of California families and their children.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has been a formidable foil to the president in the past, has not released a comment on Trump's

election. An Oct. 18 tweet by Newsom foreshadows the coming tensions between the president-elect and a leading progressive governor and self-appointed provocateur from the nation's largest and, by some measures,

the total annual federal K-12 funding for California, about 7% of the total California spending on education in 2024-25, according to the state Department of Finance figures.

California officials preparing



IDEOLOGY: Trump, whose position on education has focused more on cultural ideology than on policies to improve education, has threatened to cut school funding to states such as California.

bluest state.

"Donald Trump just said he will take away \$7.9 BILLION in school funding from California's kids if we don't do whatever he wants. This man is unhinged and unfit to be President," wrote Newsom.

The \$7.9 billion represents

Attorney General Rob Bonta has said that his team has been preparing for possible litigation to stop many of President Trump's expected policies, including attacking rights and protections for transgender children and youth, mass deportation of

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Artesia Councilwoman Visits the White House



ARTESIA COUNCILWOMAN Melissa Ramoso visited the White House during Filipino American History Month. With the Councilwoman is, from (l-r) VA Rep. Bobby Scott; Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Sasai from Pinole, California; Mayor Juslyn Manalo, Daly City, California; Maryland Delegate Kris Valderrama; Ramoso and Mayor Ron Nirenberg from San Antonio, Texas.

New La Palma Police Chief, Captain, Sergeant, Corporal Sworn-In



SWORN IN: Before families and friends, members of the City Council, community members and other local law enforcement, Police Chief Joe Guerrero, Police Captain James Roche, Police Sergeant Justin Braasch and Corporal Brad Stene were officially sworn into their new positions within the La Palma Police Department.

Help Lakewood 'Thank a Servicemember'

Lakewood's 11th annual 'Thank a Servicemember' campaign is in full swing, collecting cards and letters of appreciation to send to our U.S. military servicemembers stationed far from home.

The deadline to deliver the cards to City Hall is Thursday, Dec. 5 (or on Friday, Dec. 6 at the annual Tree Lighting event), so there's plenty of time to get creative.

The city will send the collected cards and letters to the nonprofit organization Operation Gratitude for delivery with care packages sent to U.S. servicemembers overseas.

Area residents can pick up a free

Lakewood-themed postcard, write a message and drop it off at the check-in table in the lobby at City Hall.

Residents can also get creative and make their own card or write a letter and bring it in, no envelope or stamp needed.

Visit www.lakewoodcity.org/TAS to learn more about Thank a Servicemember and how you can get involved. You'll find a list of program partners as well as additional card drop off locations and alternative ways to submit your message online.

For more information, call the city's Community Relations office at 562-866-9771, ext. 3123.

California Races Crucial for Control of House

Staff Report

"The race for control of the U.S. House remains as close as it's ever been," said Erin Covey, the U.S. House editor for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report.

California has more swing seats than any state; six seats are considered highly competitive.

Five are represented by Republicans and four are in districts President Biden won in 2020.

The outcome could take days, or even weeks, to resolve, mail ballots in can be counted for up to a week after election day as long as they were post-marked by Tuesday.

Rep. Michelle Steel vs. Derek Tran

This race is well-known among Cerritos and cities surrounding the city. First ballots showed Democrat Derek Tran ahead of Republican incumbent lying Rep. Michelle Steel in the 45th Congressional District

Scott Baugh vs. Dave Min

The 47th District in coastal Orange County has no incumbent candidate because Porter (D-Irvine) ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate rather than seek reelection to the House.

Early results showed (D) Dave Min with a healthy lead over Republican Scott Baugh, but the race is expected to be very close in the 47th District.

Rep. Ken Calvert vs. Will Rollins

Calvert fought off a close challenge two years ago from (D) Rollins.



Redistricting made the district more competitive.

Rep. Mike Garcia vs. George Whitesides

The 27th Congressional District, Democrats have a 10-point voter registration advantage.

Democrat Katie Hill unseated the district's Republican incumbent — only to resign less than a year later after a sex scandal.

Garcia won the seat in the special election that followed her resignation

Rep. John Duarte vs. Adam Gray

Two years ago (R) Duarte, won this district by just 564 votes, not called until nearly a month after the election.

Rep. David Valadao vs. Rudy Salas

Voters in the district — which includes parts of Bakersfield and portions of Kern, Tulare and Kings counties — favored Biden over Trump by 13 percentage points in 2020, making Valadao one of the most vulnerable GOP incumbents in the country.

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New Playgrounds Open at Lakewood's Biscailuz and Boyar Parks



THE LAKEWOOD City Council and commissioners at the ribbon-cutting of remodeled park playgrounds at Biscailuz Park and Boyar Park on Saturday morning, Oct. 26.

Staff Report

The Lakewood City Council and city commissioners welcomed eager parents and kids to the ribbon-cutting of remodeled park playgrounds at Biscailuz Park and Boyar Park on Saturday morning, Oct. 26.

Both parks received tot lots, designed for ages 2 to 5.

“These new tot lots are designed to build the key skills of play for kids under five, such as climbing, spinning, balancing, sliding and swinging,” said Mayor Todd Rogers. “They are fun and inclusive, with lots of sensory play elements, too.”

Features include:

A merry-go-round for up to four kids to spin on at one time.

Rubberized surfacing throughout for

safety and accessibility.

Shade sails spread throughout, under which kids can play and parents can relax.

Expression swings so parents and children can play together.

At Boyar Park, the school-age playground for ages 5 to 12 was also renovated to now include two of the ever-popular zip lines and a tri-runner swinging/spinning element.

Funding for the park improvements was provided thanks to the residents of the City of Lakewood through Measure L, the State of California Proposition 68, and the County of Los Angeles Measure A funds.

Proposition 68 – the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 – was approved by voters in November 2018.

Funding from Prop 68 is intended to fund projects that plan, develop, and implement climate adaptation and resiliency projects, including those that create or rehabilitate state or local parks, provide flood protection, protect natural resources and water supply, and improve water quality.

“These projects are a great example of government working together for the community’s benefit,” said Rogers.

Little Lake City School District Remembers Trustee Janet Rock

The LLUSD shares, with deep sadness, the passing of LLUSD Trustee Janet Rock.



Janet Rock

Rock dedicated her life to serving the district as a member of the school board for the past 13 years and was once a valued staff member, where her passion for education and commitment was unwavering.

Rock was elected to the Board in 2011, having previously served from 2001 to 2005, and continued her service until her recent passing.

Throughout her tenure, Rock championed initiatives that have left a lasting impact, including full-day kindergarten, classroom improvements, and safety upgrades funded by the passage of crucial bond measures.

The LLUSD extends its deepest condolences to Trustee Janet Rock’s family and loved ones. Her dedication to Little Lake will never be forgotten, and her contributions will be cherished by generations to come.

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undocumented immigrants and ending protections for immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.

California has sued the federal government over 100 times over Trump's past rules and regulatory rollbacks, according to CalMatters.

Bruce Fuller, professor of education and public policy at UC Berkeley, worries that Trump will give tax cuts to the rich paid for by budget cuts in public education.

"The president-elect's commitment to cutting taxes for affluent Americans means there will be no new funding for public schools," Fuller said. "Watch out for efforts to expand vouchers and tax credits for well-off parents who opt for private schools."

Trump proposals often contradict policy Michael Kirst, former president of the State Board of Education and chief advisor to former Governor Jerry Brown, said there is a contradiction in what Trump proposes and in federal education policy.

"He says he wants to turn control back to locals, but his campaign platform and statements indicate a deep interest in getting involved in local decision-making: having parents elect principals, cutting back teacher tenure and instituting merit pay," Kirst said. "He wants to examine the curriculum of schools for 'woke' ideology."

The Every Student Succeeds Act, the primary law governing federal education policy, limits federal involvement in education, Kirst said. ESSA bans federal intervention in setting curriculum and federal involvement with teacher evaluations, which will affect Trump's plan to offer merit pay.

"Some of his aides talk about slashing K-12 spending, but who knows what will happen?" Kirst said. Congress could transfer some funding for schools to create incentives for school choice, but that would require changes in school law, he said.

Student debt relief at risk

Another Trump administration could have far-reaching consequences for Americans with student debt, said Mike Pierce, the executive director of the Student Borrower Protection Center, in a statement.

"President-elect Trump's dark vision for millions of American families with student debt is as extreme as it is unpopular—dismantling the U.S. Department of Education, undoing hard-fought protections for student loan borrowers, driving millions into the open arms of predatory for-profit schools and private lenders, and leaving millions drowning in student debt," Pierce said. "The threat posed by these plans is real and will imperil the financial stability of millions of working families."

Deportation promise causing fear

One of the Trump proclamations that has evoked the most fear for Californians is his pledge to deport undocumented immigrants en masse. An estimated 1 million California children - about 1 in 10 - have an undocumented immigrant parent. About 165,000 California students are recent immigrants themselves. In 2016, after Trump's first election, attendance at schools dropped.

In a call with reporters last week, Newsom said that Trump's promise to deport undocumented immigrants would be devastating to California's economy, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"No state has more to lose or more to gain in this election in November," he said.

Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas said the state would be ready to forcefully protect its immigrant population, which could face major upheaval under Trump's proposed mass deportation program.

"We'll do everything we can to ensure that people feel protected and they feel welcomed," he said, though he declined to discuss specific preparations.

Manuel Rustin, American History teacher at John Muir High School, an early college magnet program in Pasadena Unified said his students have expressed a great deal of concern and angst

over what a second Trump presidency might be like, considering the intense anti-immigrant sentiment of his campaign and his promise of mass deportations.

"I expect students today will be very quiet, melancholy, confused, and worried like I witnessed of them back in 2016," Rustin said. "My plan: Similar to 2016, I plan to hold space for students to safely express their thoughts, reactions, and questions."

Scott Moore, head of Kidango, a non-profit that runs many Bay Area child care centers, fears that many of the families he works with will be terrified today.

"What is sad is that today, children will come to Kidango, and some of them will be crying and scared that their parents or a close relative will be taken away from them," Moore said. "This is what happened in 2016."

Teachers in the crosshairs

A Trump presidency also could have a big impact on how educators teach and on whether they choose to stay in the profession. Trump has claimed teachers have been indoctrinating children with anti-American ideologies. His solution: create a new credentialing agency to certify teachers "who embrace patriotic values and understand that their job is not to indoctrinate children, but to educate them."

He also wants to abolish teacher tenure and to give preference in federal funding to states and school districts that support his efforts to do so.

"He will go after teacher associations, backing Democrats, with a vengeance," Fuller predicts.

Public education and the labor movement are more important than ever, said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers in a statement today. "I do know one thing: Educators, healthcare professionals and public employees will be doing everything they can to make a difference in the lives of the people they serve. And our guiding principle will be to continue to do the work to improve people's lives: to fight for our children's future and the promise of America."

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The Whittier Daily News also questioned the vote to remove Rojas.

Ignoring several violations of Government Code and CB's Administrative Code, Jeng callously wrote in an email last week, "Directors: At yesterday's special board meeting, the Board acted on the following items: Terminated General Manager Alex Rojas; Removed Director Chacon as the President of the Board, installed Vice President Camacho Rodriguez as the President of the Board (position of VP is vacant)."

The removal of Chacon violated Article 3.3 of CB's Administrative Code, which states the president has the final say on board agenda items; Chacon needed to be consulted about the agenda used last week to remove him and was not.

Jeng continued her email, "Directed staff to amend Administrative Code speaking to agenda authority and bring back amended language at the next board meeting."

Jeng was referring to a vote to amend Article 3.3, making the illicit action to remove Chacon - or any other president Jeng, Ponto, and Garza did not like in the future - legal.

Jeng then put cronies in high-level finance positions, writing, "Named the positions General Manager, Finance Director, and Treasurer to be the names on the Dis-

trict's financial accounts."

The now Lame Duck Board President Camacho-Rodriguez presented her committee assignments and put herself on all three committees, her violation colleagues Garza, Ochoa, and Moreno on two committees, and Chacon on none.

In a blatant act of hypocrisy, Camacho-Rodriguez, who, along with Garza, castigated then removed Chacon for writing a board meeting agenda that was within his powers as president to write under Article 3.3, presented her agenda for a Nov. 13 "emergency" meeting.

Emergency meetings can only be called "due to disruption or threatened disruption of District facilities by work stoppage, crippling disaster or other activity severely impairing public health or safety as determined by a majority of the members."

But no items on the agenda are emergencies which violates Article 4.2(c) of the CB Administrative Code, which states in whole, "An emergency meeting may be called by a majority of the Board under Government Code section 54956.5 without twenty-four-hour notice or posting of an agenda if necessary due to disruption or threatened disruption of District facilities by work stoppage, crippling disaster or other activity severely impairing public health or safety as determined by a majority of the members."

Girl Scouts Donate Flag Collection Box to City Hall



GIRL SCOUTS and Lakewood officials in show off their flag depository box. Each month Troop 70233 will collect the flags, and Boy Scout Troop 134 will conduct a flag retirement ceremony, the respectful way to dispose of the American flag.

Girl Scout Troop 70233 recently donated a custom flag depository box to Lakewood as part of their Bronze Award project.

If you have a worn out or unserviceable American flag, place it in the red, white and blue painted wooden box in the lobby of Lakewood City Hall during business hours.

Each month, the members of Troop 70233 will collect the flags, and Boy

Scout Troop 134 will conduct a dignified flag retirement ceremony, the respectful way to dispose of the American flag.

The flag retirement ceremony is done in a reverent atmosphere to show respect and gratitude for the nation's symbol. Flags are properly folded, and then fully burned to ashes in a large bonfire. The ashes are then buried while attendees offer prayers of thanks to honor the flag's service and the values it represents.

PROPOSITIONS

Voters Offer Sanctuary on Gay Marriage and Get Tough on Crime

By Brian Hews

Prop. 36-Retail theft and drug crimes

The biggest winner was Proposition 36, which reclassifies some misdemeanors as felonies and creates a new category of crime that would offer convicted addicts the option to completing rehab or got to prison.

Prop. 3-Marriage equality

Voters are on track to approve Proposition 3, which will change the state constitution to recognize the right of same-sex couples to marry, 61% in favor and 39% against.

Prop. 4-Environmental project funding

Calls for issuing \$10 billion in bonds for a variety of climate-related projects, is on track to be approved, 58% to 42%. The biggest slice of that money, about \$3.8 billion, will finance water quality improvement.

Prop. 2 Education funding

Prop 2 would issue \$10 billion for school construction and expansion of

some education programs, is leading 57% to 43%.

Prop. 35-Health care tax

Use Medi-Cal taxes to buttress the Medi-Cal system forcing lawmakers to spend revenue generated from Medi-Cal providers on the system, largely by boosting reimbursement rates to doctors and others.

Prop. 6-Involuntary servitude

Proposition 6, which would change the practice of forcing some inmates to work on pace to lose, with 45.1% in favor of the idea and 54.9% against it.

Prop. 33- Rent control

Loser, 38% in favor of the idea and 62.% against it.

Prop. 32-Minimum wage increase

Boost pay for some workers from \$16 an hour to \$18 an hour over the next two years, is losing, 48% to 52%.

Prop. 34-Health care spending

Would alter health care law to require a subset of health care providers to set aside 98% of any discount they get in buying drugs specifically for use in patient care.

Hearing Loss Association

The monthly meeting of the Long Beach/Lakewood Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) will meet Thursday, November 14, 2024 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712 featuring a special speaker. The meetings are in person and on Zoom.

<https://Shorturl.at/3Wjp1>

Meetings are free and a friendly place to share questions, find solutions and learn about technology that makes living with hearing loss easier. Just show up!

Whitney High School Club to Hold E-Waste Drive

Donate your e-waste while supporting students! The Whitney High School California Scholarship Federation - California Junior Scholarship Federation (CSF-CJSF) Club will hold an e-waste drive on November 17, 2024, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Whitney High School! You can donate old electronic devices ranging from battery packs to monitors and even TVs!

ABCUSD Bus Tour

Join ABCUSD for a bus tour of our schools, showcasing improvements and enhancements made through Measure BB. The tour will take place on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, beginning at 2:30 p.m. and will visit Fedde Academy (Middle School), Bragg Elementary School, and Gahr High School. The tour will showcase the upgraded facilities and technology that are benefiting students today and well into the future. See this paper's back page for details.

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projects, and initiatives specifically to Pico Rivera's community needs," added Ferrer. "Each CCA operates with its own approach, but they all share a commitment to delivering cleaner, cost-effective electricity choices to their communities."

According to Ferrer, Pico Rivera's program came about during the city's transition out of the pandemic, where, like other city services, they were re-establishing momentum to serve the community better.

"The concept of CCA has been around in California since the early 2000s, but PRIME was created specifically to meet the unique needs of the Pico Rivera community," he explained.

PRIME focuses on increasing the

share of renewable energy, including solar, in the community's electricity mix, reducing reliance on fossil fuels. By doing so, there are lower greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to improved air quality, aligning with California's broader environmental goals, according to Ferrer.

Ferrer has overseen both sustainability and the PRIME program since 2022 and has been dedicated to advancing sustainability and climate resilience in his position for the last two years. He said that historically, PRIME participants have saved up to 9 percent on their monthly utility bills.

Solar or other power generation systems are offered to residents to produce energy at their homes or businesses, offsetting their power costs while selling any excess power generated back to Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy (PRIME). They can earn substantially more for every kilowatt hour of energy they provide back to the grid. The PRIME Partner Net Energy Metering (NEM) reimbursement rate is currently 100 percent higher than the rates offered by Southern California Edison (SCE), according to www.poweredbyprime.org/primepartner.

Another plus and strength of the PRIME program is that every dollar stays local. Not only does it provide residents with access to cleaner, more affordable energy options, but it also ensures that their energy dollars are reinvested directly back into the community, according to Ferrer.

"This community-centered reinvestment amplifies cost savings by funding local projects directly through PRIME's revenues—initiatives that would otherwise be at the mercy of traditional energy providers and distant shareholders," he explained. "Over time, this approach

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drives savings and builds a more robust, resilient Pico Rivera."

"When residents pay into PRIME, the revenues generated stay within Pico Rivera, funding local programs, projects, and community-centric initiatives that benefit everyone," Ferrer said. "In contrast, when residents pay a traditional energy company, that money goes into a large pool, often benefiting shareholders far removed from the community, with no guarantee of specific investments in Pico Rivera."

"PRIME's structure empowers Pico Rivera to invest in itself, ensuring that hard-earned dollars are used to strengthen and improve local services, infrastructure, and sustainability efforts," he added. "It supports local clean energy projects and energy efficiency programs, helping to meet growing demand with sustainable options."

According to Ferrer, by sourcing electricity from renewable sources and encouraging energy-efficient practices, PRIME also reduces the strain on the electricity grid while supporting California's transition to clean energy.

In 2016-2017, the city's initial investment for PRIME was approximately \$110,000. Ferrer explained that the expense was carefully planned to minimize the financial impact on the city and ensure efficient implementation.

"Today, PRIME operates with an annual budget of around \$23 million,

which has allowed it to build a healthy reserve," he added. "This reserve supports the community by maintaining historically competitive rates and funding local programs, projects, and initiatives—all without relying on the City's General Fund. This financial model reinforces PRIME's commitment to sustainable growth and community investment."

Participation in PRIME is optional. Residents are automatically enrolled but can opt-out anytime if they prefer to remain with traditional energy providers. This flexibility ensures that each household can make the best choice for their energy needs.

"PRIME is more than just an energy provider," said Ferrer. "It's a self-sustaining investment in the community."

"For future generations, PRIME represents a commitment to keeping resources local," he added. "I'd tell future residents that through PRIME, every energy dollar they spend benefits their neighbors supports community projects, and builds a stronger, more resilient Pico Rivera."

"Unlike paying into a large, traditional utility company where profits are distributed to shareholders, PRIME keeps wealth within our city, ensuring that each generation has a stake in building a sustainable, thriving community," Ferrer said. For more information about PRIME, please visit online at www.poweredbyprime.org.



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Cerritos

Robbery

A robbery occurred at the 11500 block of South Street (Gen BBQ); the suspects used bodily force on an 89-year-old male to steal his jewelry. Another robbery occurred at the 11100 block of 183rd St., Pioneer and 183rd; two suspects used a firearm to steal a backpack from a 26-year-old male in his car. Another robbery occurred at the Los Cerritos Center when an 18-year-old male was accosted by two suspects who took his jewelry.

Aggravated Assault

A 38-year-old male was assaulted at the 10700 block of Artesia Boulevard, near BB Stables. Nothing was taken. Another assault occurred at the 18900 block of Vickie Ave., Cerritos Apts.; deputies arrested the suspect.

Residential Burglary

A burglary occurred at 12800 Heritage Pl., across from Heritage Park. The entry point was through the garage door, and the burglar took checks. Another burglary happened at the 17100 block of Alfred St., a residence near Frontier Park. The entry point was the rear sliding door. It was not known what was taken.

Burglary Other

Miscellaneous items were taken at the 17900 block of Crusader Avenue near Valley Christian High; the entry point was a sliding door. Another occurred at the 17100 block of Valley View near Living Spaces, where the entry point was a window. It was not known what was taken. Another occurred on the 11900 block of South Street near Artesia Park. The suspect broke a window and took cash. 15900 block of Piuma Ave. suspect went through a fence and took parts off the vehicle

Grand Theft

Nine grand thefts occurred, one at the 11100 block of 183rd St., inside the Plaza 183 shopping mall, where purses were tak-



en. Two grand thefts at the Los Cerritos Center were taken: sunglasses and cell phones. Another occurred at the 12900 block of Park Plaza Drive, near the AT&T building, at a business; electronics were taken. A catalytic converter was stolen near the 17100 block of Stowers Avenue, between Carmenita and Marquardt. Tools were stolen from a victim's car at the 12900 block of Park Plaza Drive AT&T). jewelry was taken from an 86-year-old male at the 19100 block of Holmbury Ave., which is a residence near Shoemaker and South St. Copper wiring was taken from a business near Valley View Ave. and the creek bed.

Grand Theft Auto

Three vehicles were stolen, and only one was recovered. A motorcycle was stolen from the 13200 block of Moore Street near Cerritos Park East and was not recovered. A truck was stolen and recovered at the 14100 block of Arbor Pl. near Cerritos Self Storage. And at the 20000 block of State Road off the 605 and Del Amo, a Toyota Tacoma was stolen and not recovered.

Vehicle burglary

Five vehicle burglaries occurred, one at the 13200 block of South Street near the Cerritos apartments, and a wallet was stolen. Another happened at the Los Cerritos Center. The car window was shattered, and it was unknown what was taken. Another inside the Cerritos Town Center, a window was broken, electronics were taken. Final-

ly, at the 11000 block of Artesia near Off Street Café, two automobile windows were shattered, and a gym bag and jewelry were taken.

La Mirada

Notable Arrests

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

• One suspect was arrested trespassing.

Robbery

• An evening robbery occurred on the 13500 block of Beach Blvd. This incident is still under investigation.

Aggravated Assault

• An assault was reported on the 13900 block of Imperial Hwy. This incident is still under investigation.

Other Structure Burglary

• A burglary was reported on the 13900 block of Estero Rd.

Vehicle Burglary

• Tools were reported stolen from an overnight vehicle burglary on the 13900 block of Ramhurst Dr.

Grand Theft

• A laptop was reported stolen on the 14800 block of Telegraph Rd.

• An afternoon theft was reported on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.

• A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 12800 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Grand Theft Auto

• A van was reported stolen on the 16200 block of Heron Ave.

• A pickup truck was stolen on the 11900 block of Springview Ave.

• A cargo trailer was reported stolen on the 14100 block of Rosecrans Ave.

Driver Crashes Into Tree in La Mirada

A man was extricated early Monday morning after crashing a truck into a tree on Imperial Highway near Los Flores Avenue. The incident occurred at approximately 1:48 a.m.

Emergency responders from the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department arrived at the scene to find the man trapped inside his vehicle.

Crews worked to extricate him from the wreckage. It is unclear if he was the only person involved in the incident.



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Holiday Gift Ideas for Gardeners

By Melinda Myers

It's time to begin tackling that gift list for the holidays. Consider gifting your favorite gardener something practical and attractive to enjoy for months and even years. No matter your budget, you can find the perfect gift to generate a smile immediately and throughout the garden season.

Stuff a stocking, pot, or decorative tin with small but essential items that are handy for any gardener. A can of twine that prevents tangling yet keeps it convenient is useful for securing plants, marking gardens, and much more. Include garden clips that secure plants, hold row covers in place, or serve as a third hand when tackling garden tasks. Every gardener needs a snip for deadheading and grooming flowers.

Encourage your gift recipient to stay healthy when gardening. Gift a water bottle so they are more likely to stay hydrated. This is more important than ever with the increase in extreme summer temperatures. Consider gifts that protect eyes and skin from the sun's intense rays. Add a container of sunscreen or a wide-brimmed hat. Include a pair of tinted safety glasses that provide UV protection to help protect their eyes from dirt, pollen, sticks, and branches when gardening.

Keep them gardening longer with items that protect their joints and muscles. Protect knees with kneelers or kneeling pads. The Burgon & Ball® Kneelo® Garden Kneelers and Kneeling Pads (coronatools.com) come in various colors that are easy to find in the garden or shed. Filled with a shock-absorbing foam sandwiched between two layers of memory foam, they will allow your gift recipient to garden longer. If they walk a lot in the garden, gifting kneepads with equally good cushioning and comfortable straps may be the better choice.

Encourage your gift recipient to protect and support their hands with gloves that fit, provide support, and are fashionable. Burgon & Ball® Love the Glove™ garden gloves come in various designs and more importantly, are durable and comfortable. The padded palm provides extra protection, and the two-way stretch keeps hands cool while improving dexterity. They are machine washable and don't get stiff after getting wet in the garden.

Add a hand pruner, a snip like the Burgon & Ball® RHS® British Meadow Fruit & Flower Snip, and a weeding tool to the gloves and set them inside a small bucket to place near the front or back door. You'll save them time looking for tools and allow them to take advantage of small blocks of time to weed, deadhead, or pick a flower bouquet to enjoy.



DECORATIVE kneelers, watering cans, and pruners are practical, must-have items for any gardener. Photo courtesy of Burgon & Ball.

You'll also find many options for the indoor gardeners on your list. Look for a quality houseplant pruner designed for isolating the leaf or stem to be removed. An attractive indoor plant mister from Burgon & Ball® is available in stainless steel, charcoal, or stone. It fits any décor and the spritz to their plants will wash off dust, discourage insect pests, and boost humidity.

And the gift of time is always welcome. Offer to help with garden cleanup, planting, or weeding. Together you'll create new memories while accomplishing items on their gardening to-do list.

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Art Colony of La Mirada 'Mirrors of Your Mind' Art Show and Contest

The art submission period for the Arts Colony of La Mirada annual "Mirrors of Your Mind" show begins next Tuesday, November 12th, and runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The "Mirrors of Your Mind" Art Show is open to all artists, and membership is not required to submit your artwork. In addition to adult entries, we encourage students from middle school to high school to submit up to two pieces of their artwork in the Student Category at no cost.

The artwork will be on display from November 18th to November 22nd. The Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 23rd, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Artists can pick up their artwork after the awards ceremony.

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Long Beach Medical Center Helps Hospitalized Patients Cast Their Vote in the 2024 Election

MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center is committed to supporting patients in every way possible, including helping them participate in the democratic process.

On Monday, Nov. 4 and Tuesday, Nov. 5, the hospital offered hospitalized patients the opportunity to vote in the 2024 presidential election, providing ballots to those who are unable to visit the polls or submit their ballot by mail.

This initiative ensures patients can experience their right to vote, even during their hospitalization.

“At MemorialCare Long Beach

ROBERT GONZALES, director of Patient Relations at Long Beach Medical Center, hands out a ballot for Edward Blasco, a hospitalized patient who isn’t able to make it to the polls today and didn’t already vote by mail, so he can participate in the Nov. 5 election.

Medical Center, we believe that a positive patient experience includes supporting our patients’ rights and autonomy,” says Robert Gonzales, director, Patient Relations, MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center.

“By offering inpatients the opportunity to vote, we help them stay engaged with their community and retain a sense of normalcy during their hospital stay. This initiative underscores our commitment to treating each patient



with dignity and respect, making their experience Simply Better at every step of their journey.”

The importance of this initiative was echoed by Joan, one of the patients who received assistance in filling out her ballot request form.

“This is so wonderful the hospital is able to do this for us,” says Joan. “I’m so happy to be able to vote, even while I’m here.”

Long Beach Medical Center’s Patient Relations team, Interpreter

JOAN GUSTAFSON, patient at Long Beach Medical Center, smiles after filling out ballot request form and being allowed to participate in the democratic process.

Services team, and nursing staff work collaboratively to coordinate these efforts, ensuring that eligible patients receive their ballots and the necessary support to cast their votes from their hospital rooms.

This initiative highlights the hospital’s decision to maintaining a connection between patients and their communities, even in times of difficulty.

“Voting is a fundamental right, and we believe that every patient should have the opportunity to participate in our democracy, regardless of their health situation,” says Gonzales.

By facilitating this vital process, Long Beach Medical Center not only fosters a sense of empowerment among its patients but also highlights the value of civic engagement as an essential part of holistic healthcare.



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GATEWAY LEAGUE FOOTBALL

La Mirada's Playoff Dreams Come Up Short Despite Furious Fourth Quarter Rally

By Loren Kopff
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Shortly after his team fell a few yards short of a potential winning touchdown over Warren High, La Mirada High head coach Lucas Mealy stated that he couldn't have felt more prouder of a loss. Of course, he wasn't talking about the eventual loss to Warren for the right to claim third place in the Gateway League and a berth in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs, but in the sense of how his team played in the second half.

Left for dead early in the second quarter after a 59-yard interception return for a touchdown by Kymani Hollis, making it 21-0, the Matadores trailed by 10 at the half, then took their first lead early in the fourth quarter only to lose to the Bears 38-35. Both teams finished the regular season at 3-7, but the difference was the Bears went 3-2 in league action while the Matadores were 2-3.

The lead changed hands four times in the final stanza and the game wasn't decided until junior running back Jordan Lauago was stopped at the seven-yard line on fourth and two with 16 seconds remaining. The Matadores had begun the drive at their own 20-yard line and converted on fourth and six and third and 10 earlier in the drive.

"We've been asking for these guys to kind of grow up a little bit this whole season," said Mealy. "Sometimes as a coach, you don't necessarily see those big

gains or those big growths. But our guys showed that they have grown up, not just throughout the season, but tonight. It was a game of inches, and it showed."

Mealy said he believes in trusting his guys and it's not that he doesn't trust his special teams, but he believes in showing his offense. The play was for Lauago, the team's leading rusher, to go to the right side, but he was stopped at the seven-yard line, one yard short of a first down.

La Mirada had scored on two straight possessions in the second quarter to cut into Warren's three-touchdown advantage. Lauago scored on a one-yard run with 8:17 left before halftime, then after the defense forced Warren to punt, the Matadores chewed up just over five minutes on a 10-play, 55-yard drive. On fourth and three, junior quarterback Santino Garcia connected with senior wide receiver Max Rankin for a 22-yard touchdown play with 2:14 left in the half.

But the Bears weren't about to call it a half as they went 36 yards on seven plays and settled for a 33-yard field goal from John Jaimes with no time left on the clock.

Despite being down by 10 at halftime, the Matadores felt they were still in the game, running 14 more plays and owning the time of possession by a two to one margin while gaining 18 fewer yards on offense.

"I just told them flat out, 'this is fun'," said Mealy of his halftime speech. "When you go down 21-0, it's easy to tuck your tail between your legs, and our guys battled.

You want to go out there and make plays and have to put yourself in a position where you have to really try."

Warren began the second half on a long 10-play drive that took up over half the third quarter. But it ended when freshman Ryan Gonzales completed the defensive trifecta

as he sacked quarterback Jamar Malone, causing him to fumble, then returning fumble 61 yards for a touchdown.

At this point, the Matadores were feeling the pendulum swinging in their favor because three plays into the fourth quarter, Lauago put his team in front with a 52-yard touchdown run, which would be followed by four straight running plays from Teralle Watson, which led to Malone throwing a 20-yard score to Jalen Ross with 8:27 left in the game.

La Mirada responded with two short runs from senior running back Madden Carino and six straight runs from Lauago, the last being a 17-yard gain for a 35-31 lead with 4:31 remaining. The Matadores were aided by a 24-yard kickoff return from Rankin and a pair of illegal chop block infractions by the Bears.

But that lead lasted a little more than two and a half minutes because Warren drove 65 yards on seven plays with Watson scoring the game-winning touchdown on a six-yard run. Still, the Mats had one last burst beginning with Rankin hauling in a 19-yard reception on first down from the La Mirada 39-yard line. Later in the drive, Lauago caught a 15-yard pass on first down and a 17-yard pass on third and 10.

"Moral victories are tough, and I'm still growing as a coach," said Mealy. "I don't know everything, obviously. For the underclassmen, that was a moral victory in a sense because it showed them that... Warren, in my opinion, is the most talented I've seen in the area. So, it showed them we're capable of anything."

La Mirada ended the game still outgaining the Bears 325-289 as Lauago rushed for 139 yards on 21 carries and caught five of Garcia's passes for 76 yards while Rankin hauled in four passes for 54 yards. After going nine of 14 for 97 yards in the first half, Garcia ended the night completing 14 of 26 passes for 161 yards while on defense, senior linebacker

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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Pair Of 605 League, Mid-Cities League Football Teams Ready For Extended Seasons

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It's always a dream for high school football players to practice on Thanksgiving because that means they will be playing in a championship game the day after, or two days after. For four area teams, that dream is still alive as Artesia High, Cerritos High, Gahr High and Norwalk High have advanced to the CIF-Southern Section divisional playoffs. Two other teams, La Mirada High and Valley Christian High lost last Friday in their respective third place games that would have sent them into the postseason. All games are at 7:00 p.m. on Friday.

DIVISION 9

Cerritos (8-2 overall, 3-0 in the 605 League) @ #1 Highland High (6-4, 6-1 in the Golden League)-Last season, Cerritos was sitting at 2-5, then won seven straight games, including a 19-13 overtime win over Yucca Valley High to capture the Division 12 title. This season, the Dons have moved up three divisions and are riding a five-game winning streak.

"It's an honor to get chosen for Division 9," said Cerritos head coach Demel Franklin. "That's a huge jump from 12. Going into the season, I figured we were a Division 9 team, or maybe a high [Division] 10. So, this is about where I thought we would be. I didn't think we would be a #16 seed, but hey, it is what it is. We're playing the number one seed, and we get to see the best right out of the gate."

Cerritos defeated Artesia 36-7 last Friday to win the program's fifth straight league title and 15th straight 605 League game. senior wide receiver Dikshanta Adhikari caught a pair of touchdown passes from junior quarterback Justin Sagun, who added a five-yard touchdown

run himself.

Adhikari leads the Dons in the rushing department with 681 yards and 10 touchdowns while senior running back Josiah Ungos, who caught an eight-yard touchdown pass from sophomore Alexander Laurin, is second in rushing with 366 yards and five touchdowns while Sagun gained 207 yards and scored five touchdowns in the regular season.

Sagun has completed 112 passes in 167 attempts for 1,263 yards and 15 touchdowns with senior wide receiver Ruben Castro his favorite target with 60 receptions, 772 yards and eight touchdowns. The second target is Adhikari, who caught 28 passes for 320 yards and a touchdown.

"We just have to make sure we're still holding onto the football," said Franklin. "We've been pretty fortunate not having turned the football over fumbling-wise. Maybe we go a little faster so they get more touches because it's been shown it doesn't matter which one I give the ball to, they're going to produce."

Those four players, and others, helped the Dons score 335 points with seven games over 30 points. But most of the season has been centered around the defense, which has allowed 135 points with three shutouts and two other games a touchdown each. Leaders of the defense this season have been senior linebacker Nathaniel Crawford (51 tackles), and juniors Jacob Hoosac (58 tackles) and Tyler Ky (68 tackles).

Junior lineman Makai Ortiz has half of the team's eight sacks while senior defensive back Marnell Smith and junior safety Michael Quibrantar each have three interceptions, which combined is half the teams' interceptions.

Highland began the season with three straight losses, one of them a 63-6 defeat to Mission Viejo High. But the Bulldogs bounced back to win the next five contests

with three straight shutouts included in that stretch. Highland cruised past Palmdale High 40-22 last Friday and of its four losses, two have been by a combined eight points while the other two were by a combined 89 points.

This is a team that has played teams from the Antelope Valley, Apple Valley, Santa Clarita Valley and southern Riverside County (Liberty High) besides Mission Viejo, and has scored 38 more points than Cerritos.

"I know they're used to scoring a lot of points," said Franklin. "Their defense doesn't seem to give up a lot of points in league, but when you go to their non-league, there's only a 10-point difference. I like our chances."

Justin Wyatt has passed for 1,869 yards and 31 touchdowns opposite three interceptions with Andrew Garner catching 36 passes for 635 yards and 12 touchdowns and Le'Bron Green hauling in 24 passes for 340 yards and half a dozen scores. On the ground, Roderick Erwin (468 yards, five touchdowns) and Wyatt (328 yards, four touchdowns) are the players to stop while on defense, the Bulldogs have sacked opposing quarterbacks 33 times with Jayden Carrillo and Jamarieh Hector each with eight sacks.

But Cerritos will have to travel for the first round against a ranked team, just like it did last season when the black and gold drew fourth-ranked Fillmore High on the road. The Dons also beat top-seeded Coachella Valley High in the semifinals and second-ranked Yucca Valley. So, Franklin knows he and his team are not intimidated with facing Highland in the first round.

"We don't look at [who's ranked]," he said. "I know who we've played and how we've trained, and I'll take my team versus anybody."

The Dons went 5-1 against teams

that qualified for the playoffs, falling to West Torrance High 41-21 on Sept. 20. West Torrance is the top-ranked team in Division 7. Cerritos defeated the top-ranked team in Division 11, Don Lugo High, 31-24 and Pioneer High 70-14, which is the second-ranked team in Division 14.

If Cerritos wins, it will either host Monrovia High or travel to Burbank High for the quarterfinals.

Prediction: Cerritos 38, Highland 28 St. Genevieve High (8-1, 5-0 in the Camino Real League) @ Norwalk (8-2, 4-1 in the Mid-Cities League)-The

scoring machine that is Norwalk rolls into the playoffs winners of six of its last seven games. After losing to Paramount High 28-7 two weeks ago, the Lancers bounced back to defeat Lynwood High 33-15 last Thursday. Junior running back Diego Cerritos carried the ball 16 times for 90 yards and scored four touchdowns while senior running back Ezra Meuller rushed for 166 yards and scored once. Those two are the heart and soul of the double wing offense with Meuller rushing for 1,839 yards and scoring 25 touchdowns while Cerritos has gained 1,148 yards with 19 touchdowns. If those two are slowed down, look for junior running back Derek Sandoval (470 yards, seven touchdowns) to pick up the slack.

When senior quarterback Nicolas Barrera has to throw the ball, which isn't much, he'll most likely target Meuller, who has four receptions for 69 yards and a touchdown.

The offense has scored over 40 points seven times but in the two losses, Norwalk scored a combined 19 points. Just as impressive is the defense, which yielded 186 points and did not allow anyone to score more than 35 points. Meuller leads everyone with 65 tackles while senior

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605 LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Cerritos Defense Records Four Interceptions as Dons Win 15th Straight League Game

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It may have taken a few seasons for the Cerritos High football team to get accustomed to the 605 League, but it's safe to say, the Dons have rebounded and now, winning league titles still doesn't get old. Cerritos put together another stellar defensive performance against a tough Artesia High team, intercepting senior quarterback Charlie Lopez four times and limiting him to 56 yards on 11 carries as the Dons, who began life in the league with six straight losses, won their 15th straight league game and fifth straight league title in a 36-7 win last Thursday at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium.

Cerritos enters the CIF-Southern Section Division 9 playoffs on Friday with an 8-2 mark while the Pioneers,

Castro who thought he was going to score. But it was called back because of a holding penalty. He still picked up 19 yards on the play as Cerritos had five first downs on the drive and faced just one third down situation.

"I'm sad I didn't get the touchdown, but at the same time, it kind of gives us a momentum shift knowing that we're there," said Castro. "We always had a chance, but we were really there at that point, and I just wanted to show them that don't sleep on me; I'm still here."

The Pioneers thought they had some momentum going into the locker room when senior wide receiver Ahkil Sampson hauled in a 55-yard from Lopez. Four plays later, the red and black were facing a third and goal from the eight-yard line before junior linebacker Jacob Hoosac picked off Lopez in the endzone with 16



CERRITOS HIGH senior Ruben Castro is off to the races as he returns the second half kickoff 96 yards for the go-ahead touchdown as the Dons knock off Artesia High 36-7 last Friday night. Cerritos won its fifth straight league title and has won 15 straight league contests. **Photo by JB Quibrantar.**



CERRITOS HIGH sophomore Uriah Arcie (#6) and senior linebacker Nathaniel Crawford (hidden behind Artesia High junior lineman Maximus Garcia) combine to take down senior running back Julius Padilla late in last Friday's game as the Dons won their fifth straight 605 League title with a 36-7 victory. **Photo by JB Quibrantar.**

who are in Division 13, also conclude the regular season at 8-2. Artesia was limited to 216 offensive yards, five off from a season-low, and the four interceptions were season highs for the Artesia offense and Cerritos defense.

"I know who we played; the backs we played and the quarterbacks we played, and we're a very physical team," said Cerritos head coach Demel Franklin. "I know at some point we were going to be okay."

"We told [Lopez] Cerritos was going to be ready to stop our run game," said Artesia head coach Connor Crook. "It was a big passing week for us, and I told him to go out there and just sling it, trust yourself and make plays. Some things didn't bounce our way and that's football sometimes."

After a scoreless opening quarter in which Cerritos was held to nine yards on six plays and the Pioneers 41 yards on 15 plays, Lopez put an end to his team's longest drive of the night, scoring on a 20-yard run to cap a 10-play, 55-yard drive that took 6:37. After that, it was all Cerritos as the offense woke up and the defense kicked it into another gear.

The Dons had their longest drive of the game of nearly five minutes, running 11 plays and covering 89 yards. It ended when senior running back Dikshanta Adhikari scored on an 11-yard pass from junior quarterback Justin Sagun with 52 seconds left in the half.

After four straight runs from Adhikari to begin the drive, Sagun launched a 57-yard pass to senior wide receiver Ruben

seconds left in the half. Hoosac would also lead the Dons with 11 tackles.

"That was a big momentum shift because, especially any turnover, we have to take advantage of that and execute on our part," said Sagun. "But four interceptions is nice from the defense."

That was the second of the four picks by the Cerritos defense; junior defensive back Michael Quibrantar intercepted Lopez with two minutes left in the first quarter. If the Hoosac interception wasn't bad enough for Artesia, knowing it could have taken a lead, then the turning point came when Castro returned the second half kickoff 96 yards to the house.

"What I'm thinking was to get into the endzone," said Castro. "But as far as what direction I wanted to go, it's up in the air. Wherever I see the holes, I hit it, and then I know everyone's going that way, so I just cut back and [another] hole is there."

After the defense forced the Pioneers to punt, Cerritos went up 21-7 with a 30-yard connection from Sagun to Adhikari with 3:57 left in the third quarter.

"Man, we've had a few," Franklin pondered as to what he thought was the turning point. "In the first half, they were kind of getting to us and our 3-4 was kind of leaking. We made some changes in the second half and then all of a sudden, it frees up our play-calling."

"Things didn't bounce our way; some energy and momentum things went their way to start the second half and it's tough to bounce back from that at times," said Crook. "All that affected it. It is what it is, but I thought our kids played hard to

the end."

The Pioneers finished off the third quarter by going 30 yards on seven plays with the big play being a 20-yard reception from Lopez to senior wide receiver Julius Padilla on third and nine. But again, the momentum quickly ended as junior Labrenten Wilson picked off Lopez on the first play of the fourth quarter. That would lead to a five-yard touchdown run from Adhikari nearly three and a half minutes later. Two plays before that, Sagun's last pass of the night was a 36-yard connection to Castro on third and 21. He would complete 11 of 14 passes for 174 yards and had a stretch of nine completions in 10 attempts after the opening quarter.

"Last year, I wasn't fair to him," said Franklin. "I kept pulling him when he would make a mistake, so he couldn't get into a rhythm. This year coming in, he knows off the top he's the man, and he's calm. I can talk to him differently; he understands situations and he knows when to get rid of the ball."

"I would say the execution could have been a little better," said Sagun. "But my teammates...especially Castro, he stepped up and made plays. I just want to thank my O-line keeping me protected out there."

The final tally of the night came when sophomore quarterback Alexander Laurin threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to senior Josiah Ungos with four minutes left in the game.

Lopez, whose final interception with 1:45 remaining in the game went to sophomore Uriah Archie, who also had seven tackles, ended the night with eight completions in 16 attempts for 124 yards. On the ground, he had only three carries of over 10 yards, a far cry from what he had been doing all season. Padilla would gain 41 yards on 13 carries while Sampson caught three passes for 66 yards.

"Like I said, they're a good football team, obviously, so they targeted [Lopez]," said Crook. "They watched the film and saw that he has a lot of good run plays for us and does a lot for us on offense. That was their gameplan and they stopped him a lot of the night."

"[Our coaches] were telling us the gameplan and switching it up," said Sagun. "The coaches [in the press box] watching us were telling us what's going on, where the errors were at and on our part, we just went in and did what our

coaches told us."

Adhikari gained 35 yards on a dozen carries, but the story of the night on the offensive side was Sagun, who threw five passes to Castro for 80 yards, four to Adhikari for 59 yards and a pair to Ungos for 35 yards.

Artesia, which has reached the playoffs in five of the last six non-pandemic seasons, will visit Desert Hot Springs High with the winner facing either top-ranked Gahr High or La Puente High in the quarterfinals. Last season, the Pioneers reached the Division 14 semifinals.

"This is going to sting for sure, but I told the guys, 'let it sting for 24 hours, then we have to move on,'" said Crook. "We have a whole new goal now. We kind of have three goals [at the beginning of the season]-win the opener, win league and win CIF. We didn't get it done this year, but we have to suck it up and move on, and we'll be ready to go next week."

The Dons will visit top-ranked Highland High and if victorious, will square off against Burbank High or Monrovia High in the quarterfinals.

"It's been a great season," said Franklin. "Even the two losses, we learned so much about ourselves. Those were two very good teams, so I liked how we performed in those games and moving forward, I would put our chips on us."

"I would say this one meant a lot more to me because now, I'm maturing as a junior," said Sagun of winning the league. "It steps up in the ranks and we have to execute more and be prepared for the playoffs."

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linebacker Joel Espinoza and sophomore linebacker David Ibarra each have 54 tackles. Espinoza also has seven sacks and Cerritos another five sacks, accounting for nearly half the sacks.

After losing the second game of the season to Burbank 29-26, St. Genevieve enters the playoffs on a seven-game winning streak, including a forfeit win over Verbum Dei Jesuit High on Oct. 11 and a 51-0 win over Bosco Tech High last Thursday. The Valiants out of Panorama City have reached the 40-point mark five times and have scored 342 points this season.

Quarterback Michael Wynn has completed 97 of 147 passes for 1,617 yards and 21 touchdowns with no interceptions with Jayden Lepley (23 receptions, 353 yards, four touchdowns) and Ramario Rivas (21 catches, 504 yards, seven touchdowns) his favorite receivers. On the ground, Jaylin Burt has gained 1,011 yards on 87 carries with 15 touchdowns while Wynn has added another 263 yards on 23 touches and half a dozen touchdowns.

St. Genevieve is strong on defense, sacking opposing quarterbacks 20 times with Leonidas Vargas getting eight of them while collecting 13 interceptions, five coming from Brady Escobar. The Lancers have faced six playoff teams, including CIF-San Diego Section's Scripps Ranch High. Santa Fe High is the second-ranked team in Division 11 and Lynwood is the third-ranked team in Division 13. If Norwalk wins, it will travel to Coachella Valley or second-ranked Great Oak High.

Prediction: Norwalk 42, St. Genevieve 28
GAME OF THE WEEK
DIVISION 13

La Puente High (9-1, 4-1 in the Miramonte League) @ #1 Gahr (5-5, 3-2 in the Mid-Cities League)-Gahr may be the division's top-ranked team, but the Gladiators are limping into the postseason with a .500 record after last Friday's 36-0 loss to Paramount. Last season, Gahr faced Quartz Hill High, the top team in Division 11, and lost 28-7. Longtime head coach Grag Marshall said there's not much difference between being a #1 seed and playing a #1 seed because last season, the Gladiators were a spot away from being the top seed in Division 12.

But this season, it will take a lot to upset La Puente because the Gladiators have been plagued all season with injuries to impact players.

"I told the kids it can happen either way because the way [the new system] breaks down, it can happen," said Marshall. "That's the way it works."

Junior quarterback Roman Acosta and senior all-utility player Markell Slaughter have shared quarterbacking duties, combining for over 1,100 yards and nine touchdowns. Slaughter is also the team's leading rusher and second leading receiver but is one of the injured players and will not play on Friday.

Throughout the season, the Gladiators have seen Slaughter, senior running back Ja'shon Wallace and junior running back Malachi Williams go down with injuries. Because of the injuries, the Gladiators have had somewhat of a roller coaster season, losing their first two games, then winning their next two games, before losing two of their next three and finally wrapping up the season by winning two of their last three contests. Slaughter is still injured and would not be back until at least the semifinals, should Gahr get that far.

"After the first game, [senior middle linebacker] Isaiah [Portillo] is out and our other middle linebacker is out," said

Marshall. "Then we went into the Cerritos game with no linebackers, and I was like, okay. Then our quarterback goes out, so we went to a running quarterback thing. We've been going back and forth. Then we get to the Norwalk game and Ja'shon goes out after the fourth play."

Defensively, Williams and senior Evan Lucena each have 61 tackles, followed by senior linebacker Dylan Richburg and Portillo with 51 and 48 tackles, respectively. Lucena and Richburg also had three and a half sacks each and Portillo had three sacks.

Gahr has allowed five more points than it has scored and are 1-3 against teams that advanced to the playoffs. The Gladiators will be tested by a La Puente team that lost its only game last Friday to Duarte High, 28-27. The Warriors began the season with a forfeit win over Sotomayor High, then posted two straight shutouts by a combined 98-0 score. They scored over 30 points in seven straight games before edging Garey High 28-27.

"Look, they're really good," said Marshall. "Their quarterback went out two games ago and their running back went out last game. But they're like us. You lose your quarterback and you're running back and all of a sudden, you look a little bit different."

Quarterback Ezekeil Zamora, who was absent in the last game of the regular season, rarely has missed, completing 125 of 188 passes for 1,818 yards and 25 touchdowns while Aaron Silva (986 yards, 16 touchdowns) leads a rushing attack that has amassed 1,969 yards. Zamora likes to go to Ivan Lopez (50 receptions, 795 yards, eight touchdowns) and Junior Preyer (28 receptions, 445 yards, seven touchdowns) the most.

"You always have to stop the run because especially, if the quarterback's not in... if the quarterback is a running quarterback, and he can pass, you have to stop the run to force him to throw," said Marshall.

Defensively, La Puente has allowed 102 points, meaning if Gahr wants to pull off the upset, it needs to score north of 30 points, which it did five times.

A Gahr win means it will host Desert Hot Springs High or visit ABC Unified School District rival Artesia next Friday.

"I told them it's a motivating factor [to beat La Puente] because I told them yesterday, we could play Artesia," said Marshall. "They said [they wanted] to play Artesia and I said, 'okay, if you want to play Artesia, that means you have to go through La Puente.'"

Prediction: La Puente 35, Gahr 21 Artesia (8-2, 2-1 in the 605 League) @ Desert Hot Springs (6-4, 2-1 in the Sun Valley League)-Artesia had one of its best regular seasons in recent memory, winning the first five games before falling to Estancia High 30-21 on Sept. 27.

After that, the Pioneers scored at least 35 points in three straight games before last Friday's season-low seven points against Cerritos. The last time Artesia went 8-2 in the regular season was in 2005 and six seasons ago, the Pioneers advanced to the Division 12 finals in a 10-win season.

"It's about what I expected," said Artesia head coach Connor Crook of the bracket. "I knew we were going to be in [Division] 13. It is what it is, and I knew at some point, you have to travel far in the playoffs. We did it last year, so we're traveling far this week in round one and we're going to ready for it. We have a lot of kids who remember what it felt like last year, so I think we'll be okay."

Artesia's bread and butter has been, and continues to be senior quarterback Charlie Lopez, who has accounted for 1,875 total yards, coming two yards shy of 1,000 on the ground. As a team, the Pioneers have just over 3,200 yards. Lopez also has a hand in 25 of Artesia's 42 touchdowns.

Senior running back Julius Padilla

(374 yards, two touchdowns) and junior running backs Josue Flores (159 yards, four touchdowns) and Joe Thomas Jr. (193 yards, three touchdowns) are also threats in the backfield while Lopez' favorite wide receiver is senior Ahkil Sampson, who has caught 22 passes for 442 yards and seven touchdowns.

Senior linebacker DeAngelo Tucker leads the team with 39 tackles while junior lineman Maximus Garcia is two behind that total and sophomore linebacker Robert Garcia at 36 tackles. Maximus Garcia also leads the team with three sacks while five players all have a pair of interceptions.

Desert Hot Springs began the season with three straight wins before losing three straight contests. The Golden Eagles have a pair of one-possession victories and a shutout on their resume but have been whitewashed three times.

Quarterbacks Seth Silva and Jaylen Turner have combined to complete 76 passes for 1,142 yards and 10 touchdowns with seven interceptions. Donevin Thornton is the leading rusher with 550 yards and eight touchdowns with Silva adding another 205 yards and three scores while Thornton has 24 receptions for 297 yards.

On defense, Jaire Broach has 125 tackles and Jaymere Broach 107 while Isaiah Flenor has seven sacks.

"They have a couple of good skill players," said Crook. "They have a couple of twin brothers, who are seniors that play linebacker and do some stuff on offense. They have a good receiver, and their running back is pretty shifty. So, they have good skill players that we need to watch out for, and a couple of big linemen, too. I'm just worried about containing those guys; containing their best players, and we'll add a few wrinkles of our own this week to our stuff."

Crook added that the keys to advancing to next Friday's quarterfinals is making sure everyone is on the same page and focused up front on offense; making sure the lineman block their guys. on defense, the Pioneers need to stop the pass because since Crook took over the varsity team, they have been successful on run defense.

Artesia's two losses came to teams that advanced to the playoffs, but the combined record of the 10 opponents is 34-63, the worst of the area's four playoff teams. Artesia and Desert Hot Springs have not played each other since Sept. 27, 2002, a Pioneers victory and if they win, they will either host Gahr or travel to La Puente.


"The motivation [to play Gahr] would be just to get to round two no matter who we're playing," said Crook. "We're going to be focused on this week and obviously preparing to beat Desert Hot Springs. Our ultimate goal is to win the whole thing, so of course we want to get to round two and we'll be prepared for whoever we play in round two as well. If it's Gahr, I'm sure our kids will be a little extra fired up because they know their kids and their kids know our kids. But I don't want to look past anyone."

Prediction: Artesia 42, Desert Hot Springs 21
Last week's predictions: 4-2
Season to date: 47-15

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Spencer Ammons had nine tackles, senior safety Drew Cobos had five tackles and Rankin four tackles.

"Santino has proven his whole time with me that he's an incredibly smart quarterback," said Mealy. "He know the offense as well as I do. Jordan plays an outside receiver and sometimes, he's at a disadvantage because of his size. But at times, he's at an advantage because of his shiftiness and his ability to control his body. Those guys have a connection."



By **DAVID OUELLET**

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MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040, on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the Variance will be heard.

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the City of La Mirada on **Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following items:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 57: A REQUEST TO AMEND TITLE 20 (SUBDIVISIONS) AND TITLE 21 (ZONING) OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE. THE AMENDMENTS WILL IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES OF THE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT AND BRING THE MUNICIPAL CODE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HOUSING LAW. THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES A FINDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 57: A REQUEST TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA TO REMOVE PROPERTIES FORMALLY WITHIN THE SPECIAL HOUSING OVERLAY (SHO) AND EMERGENCY SHELTER OVERLAY (ESO) AND APPLY TO THE SHO TO 76 PARCELS AND APPLY THE ESO TO 12 PARCELS (SEE ATTACHED MAP). THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES A FINDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2024-1 (SPA-2024-1): A REQUEST TO AMEND THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN (IHSP) TO APPLY THE SPECIAL HOUSING OVERLAY (SHO) ZONE AND TO CLARIFY THAT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS COMPLY WITH STATE HOUSING LAW. THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES A FINDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

At the hearing, the Planning Commission will consider staff's report, as well as all testimony and public input prior to making a recommendation to the City Council for final action. A City Council hearing will be scheduled on December 10, 2024. Separate notice of the City Council hearing will be distributed. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department offices located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. You may contact the Community Development Department at (562) 943-0131 should you have any questions concerning this item.

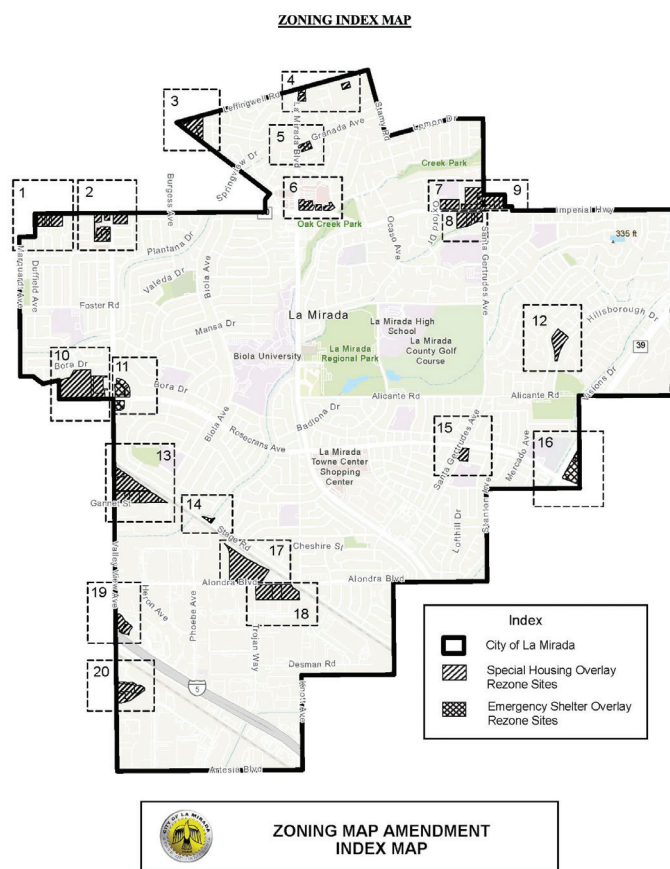
If you wish to be heard concerning the items identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing, or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the City of La Mirada, Community Development Department, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638.

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

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

Manuel Muñoz
Community Development Director

Dated: November 7, 2024



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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 November 20, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.**

Petrina King

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.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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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 11/20/2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

- Fernando Uribe
- Brandon Schad
- Carl Stephenson
- Ruben Elias Robles
- James Williams
- Sweets Remembered
- yumiko norris
- Leslie Wade

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.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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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF PICO RIVERA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE
2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS (CDBG)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to receive public comment and consider a substantial amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. The 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan set forth specific activities to be carried out with funds from received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) programs.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 10, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

When a substantial change (i.e., adding an activity cancelling an activity, or redirecting funds) is proposed to an Action Plan, the City requires that the public be notified, and a public hearing be held to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed substantial change(s). Under the CDBG-CV program the City received \$822,318 to fund activities that would prevent, prepare, or respond to the coronavirus. As part of the proposed FY 2019-2020 Substantial Amendment No. 7 the City is proposing allocating its remaining, unallocated CDBG-CV funds (\$113,064) towards a Childcare Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program.

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

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

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

Availability of Document for Public Comment: The City of Pico Rivera encourages citizen participation in the planning process. The 30-day public review period for Substantial Amendment No. 7 to the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan runs from Friday, November 8, 2024, through Tuesday, December 10, 2024. A copy of the draft Plan will be made available for public review on the City of Pico Rivera's website: <https://www.pico-rivera.org/community-development-block-grant/>. For more information, please contact Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director, at (562) 801-4447 or via email at juliagonzalez@pico-rivera.org.

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

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

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com ending on Monday, November 18th, 2024 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and/or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Harold Freeman	A28
Jenelle Newman	K13
Nathan Vargas	A48
Darryl Smith	L17
Manager Special/Non-Lien Unit	F51
Manager Special/Non-Lien Unit	F58

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

Dated this 1st and 8th day of November 2024.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WLI1254152

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 24-2161-DK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: YOSHIHARU CERRITOS, 11533 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703

Doing Business as: YOSHIHARU RAMEN

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 location in California of the Chief Executive Officer of the Seller(s) is: SAME

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: CERRITOS DV LLC, 9731 BOLSA AVE., WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURES, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENTS, TOOLS, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD INTEREST, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, ALL TRANSFERABLE PERMITS, AND LICENSES and are located at: 11533 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703

The bulk sale is intended to be consum-mated at the office of: ACE ESCROW INC, 6871 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is NOVEMBER 27, 2024

The bulk sale is subject to California Uni-form 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: ACE ES-CROW INC, 6871 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the last date for filing claims shall be NOVEMBER 26, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: 11/1/2024

BUYER: CERRITOS DV LLC

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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
CNI11610 ROMO Nov 8,15,22, 2024

**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following item:

Project Description: Case No. 2024-34: The Planning Commission will consider Resolution No. 2024-15P.
Resolution 2024-15P recommends that the City Council of Artesia adopt an Ordinance amending Article 45 (Accessory Dwelling Units) to Chapter 2 to Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the City of Artesia Municipal Code relating to the regulation of ADUs and JADUs in the City. The proposed ordinance aligns the Artesia Municipal Code with recent changes to the State ADU law. The recommendation also makes a determination of exemption under CEQA pursuant to section 21080.17 of the Public Resources Code because CEQA does not apply to the adoption of an ordinance by a city or county implementing the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, which is California’s ADU law and which also regulates JADUs, as defined by section 66313 of the Government Code.

Project Location: Citywide.

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

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

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**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 18, 2024 to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following item:

Project Description: Case No. 2024-33: The City Council will consider an Urgency Ordinance No. 24-962U.
Ordinance No. 24-962U recommends that the City Council of Artesia adopt an Ordinance amending Article 45 (Accessory Dwelling Units) to Chapter 2 to Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the City of Artesia Municipal Code relating to the regulation of ADUs and JADUs in the City. The proposed ordinance aligns the Artesia Municipal Code with recent changes to the State ADU law. The recommendation also makes a determination of exemption under CEQA pursuant to section 21080.17 of the Public Resources Code because CEQA does not apply to the adoption of an ordinance by a city or county implementing the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, which is California’s ADU law and which also regulates JADUs, as defined by section 66313 of the Government Code.

Project Location: Citywide.

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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Auction on November 26, 2024 @:700 a.m. @ 14555 Alondra Blvd. La Mirada, CA 90638

Abandoned Storage- Square House Premium Cocktails
01- HMC Packaging Machine

Abandoned Storage- PRAN/Sherwood Partners
10 Pcs. Various equipment including: Chillers, (2) Optical Tables, Engine Hoist, Gaylord boxes w/components, Chamber, Bomen on plywood(10 Pcs./Units Total)

Items will be sold as is where is without warranty

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**CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDING RESOLUTION TO THE ADOPTED
2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT AND
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on November 12, 2024, before the City Council of the City of Commerce for the consideration to amend the adopted resolution of the City of Commerce 2021-2029 Housing Element Update and Negative Declaration, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c).

Description: On September 10, 2024 the City of Commerce City Council held a public hearing to approve a resolution for the adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element and Negative Declaration. The Housing Element addresses existing and future housing needs of all types for persons in all economic segment groups within the City and serves as a tool for decision-makers and the public in understanding and meeting housing needs in Commerce. Because the 2021-2029 Housing Element relies on nonvacant sites to accommodate 50% or more of its RHNA for lower income households, the following additional finding, as required by HCD, is hereby made substantiating that the use will likely be discontinued during the planning period:

Based on existing uses, existing floor area ratio, age of structures (year structure built), improvement-to-land ratio, lot size, adjacency to parcels with redevelopment potential and lot consolidation potential, and expressed interest of developers or property owners, the existing uses on the sites identified in the site inventory to accommodate the lower income RHNA are likely to be discontinued during the planning period, and therefore do not constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by the housing element.

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

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL

Said public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Commerce in the City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040, on November 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents for the proposed Amendment will be heard.

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

City Manager
Ernie Hernandez

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**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 18, 2024 to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following item:

Project Description: Case No. 2024-21: The City Council will consider Ordinance No. 24-960.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA ADDING ARTICLE 46 TO THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SHORT-TERM RENTALS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15060(c)(2) AND 15060(c)(3)

Project Description: Case No. 2024-26: The City Council will consider Ordinance No. 24-961.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA ADDING ARTICLE 47 TO CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 9 REGARDING SMOKE SHOPS, AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15358 and 15061(b)(3)

Project Location: Citywide.

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

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 69962-EK
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: STARK LAUNDRY SER-VICES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 6300 FLOR-ENCE AVE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201
(3) The location of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 16835 ALGON-QUIN ST, #344, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: JAI OONG IM, PO BOX 3136, PALOS VERDES PENINSU-LA, CA 90274
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 6300 FLORENCE AVE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SPARKELAN LAVANDERIA
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is NOVEMBER 27, 2024 at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO, 3440 WIL-SHIRE BLVD, #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, Escrow No. 69962-EK, Es-crow Officer: EUNICE KO
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as “7” above
(9) The last day for filing claims is: NOVEMBER 26, 2024.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.
Dated: OCTOBER 30, 2024
TRANSFEREES: JAI OONG IM
2928526-PP LOS CERRITOS COMMU-NITY NEWS 11/8/24

Join us for a tour of upgraded and new school facilities completed through Measure BB, the facilities improvement bond passed by voters in 2018.

The tour will visit three schools, showcasing the improved facilities, giving you a chance to see the investments made thanks to the voters of ABCUSD.

Tour begins at the ABC District Office:
16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024
2:30 TO 6:00 PM

- Bragg Elementary School
- Fedde Middle School
- Gahr High School

- Playground & Solar Shade
- Classroom Finishes & Technology
- Science Labs, Student Centers,
- Music & Performance Spaces

