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HIKARI FESTIVAL: the festival of lights at Tanaka farms in Irvine continues through Dec. 30. Hikari means “shine” in Japanese, and this holiday season Tanaka Farms has shined with over one million twinkling lights. Tanaka Farms is located at 5380 University Dr. in Irvine.

Pathway Home Operation Brings 30 People Inside in Santa Fe Springs

LCCN Staff Report

On December 19, 2024, 30 people living along the San Gabriel River and the 605 Freeway in Santa Fe Springs were moved out of encampments and into interim housing. This is the latest LA County “Pathway Home” operation in Supervisor Hahn’s district which uses local motels to bring entire encampments inside

at once.

“Encampments are communities and we have seen that people are more likely to accept help and housing if they know their entire encampment is accepting help together,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “I am grateful that thanks to the hard work of our outreach workers, first responders, and public works employees, these 30 individuals are inside safe for the holidays and on a pathway to long-

term housing.”

The operation was organized by the LA County Homeless Initiative in collaboration with LAHSA, the LA County Sheriff’s Department, the City of Santa Fe Springs, and the LA County Department of Public Works. All 30 unhoused individuals were moved into 25 rooms in a local motel master-leased by the County.

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Bird Flu Detected in Northwest Naturals Raw Dog/Cat Food

LCCN Staff Report

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is advising residents to not feed their pets raw food following a voluntary recall of Northwest Naturals Brand 2lb Feline Turkey Recipe Raw & Frozen Pet Food due to detection of H5 bird flu virus in product samples. The Oregon Department of Agriculture has confirmed a



house cat contracted H5 bird flu and died after consuming the recalled raw frozen pet food. The recalled products are sold in California. A listing of retailers

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TAINTED PRODUCT:

The Northwest Naturals Turkey Recipe dog and cat food. A listing of retailers can be found on the company’s website at <https://bit.ly/LCCNPF>

Montebello Rescinds \$1.5M Contract After Report That City Violated Pubic Contract Code

The City Manager had recommended a company with a bid \$536,000 more than the lowest responsible bidder.

By Brian Hews

Last week, Los Cerritos Community News obtained a letter from the Sacramento-based law firm of Weinberg, Roger, and Rosenfield [WRR] alleging that the city of Montebello violated the Public Contract Code and Montebello Municipal Code in awarding a Transportation Facility, Restroom Renovation Project [Project] contract to KYA Services, LLC.

The letter threatened litigation if Montebello did not cancel the bid award. “WRR would prefer to avoid legal action. However, if the City insists on procuring the Project, WRR will

consider legal action, up to and including litigation remedies. We will also seek to recover all attorney fees and expenses incurred, as permitted by law.”

The possible litigation involved a Request for Proposals for the Project sent out in July that indicated that the scope of work is to “renovate the restrooms in the Transportation Administration and Maintenance Division.”

One month later, in an addendum, the city strangely indicated that all bidders would be required to provide plans similar to a design-build project while also writing that it was not a design-build project.

A design-build public project is a construction delivery method used in public works or government projects. In this method, a single entity, the de-

[See **MONTEBELLO**, page 10]

Pico Rivera Earns Platinum Energy Action Award



HONORED: Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy’s Power Choice Program, PRIME, offers affordable solar energy and battery storage systems to local residents and businesses, the program played a pivotal role in securing the award.

By Brian Hews

Pico Rivera announced last week that it has been awarded the Platinum Energy Action Award from the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, beating out 27 other competing cities in the region.

This top-tier recognition reflects Pico Rivera’s ongoing commitment to sustainability, energy efficiency and innovation.

“The Gateway Cities Energy Action Awards recognize cities for their leadership in improving energy efficiency and sustainability,” said Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona. “Pico Rivera is proud to be the first recipient of the Platinum Award, which is a testament to the hard work of our City Council, residents and local businesses in creating a greener, more sustainable community.”

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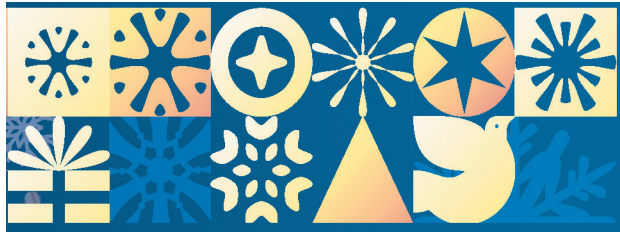
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Pilmore Equestrian to Operate the Lakewood Equestrian Center



A NATIONWIDE search was carried out and five proposals were submitted with Pilmore winning out. The 19-acre LEC is located on Carson Street just west of the 605 Fwy.

LCCN Staff Report

On Dec. 10, 2024, the Lakewood City Council approved a lease with Lakewood resident Cindy Flavin and her company Pilmore Equestrian LLC to operate the Lakewood Equestrian Center starting Jan. 1, 2025.

As part of her lease, Flavin has committed to invest at least \$1.2 million in immediate LEC improvements, such as new horse stalls, repairs to barn stalls and arena upgrades. The city will also invest \$150,000 in immediate improvements, focused on manure containment, trash enclosures and stormwater runoff prevention.

Over 90 horses are boarded at the LEC, with some of the owners providing lessons to the public. There is also a petting zoo, pony ride area and equine therapy operation on site.

Over 50 boarders and members of the LEC community came to the council meeting expressing support for Flavin's proposal, with several speaking in appreciation of the lease between the city and Flavin and their optimism for the future of the stables.

Earlier this year, the LEC had been at risk of closure because after several searches over a five-year period, the city had been unable to find an operator willing to invest in the facility and follow the many federal, state and local regulations concerning stormwater runoff, labor and other factors in operating a horse stable on public land.

"For all of these same reasons, many publically-owned equestrian centers in our region are closing or finding it very difficult to find an operator," said City Manager Thaddeus McCormack.

In June, the City Council held a spe-

cial public meeting detailing the increasing costs in city money and staff time diverted from other projects for the city itself to operate the LEC in the absence of a private operator.

At the June meeting, the council directed city staff to undertake a final effort to seek private operators for the stables. A nationwide search was carried out, with the participation of members of the LEC community. Five proposals were submitted, with the city selecting Pilmore Equestrian LLC, owned by Cindy Flavin, as the proposal with the best combination of financial capability, entrepreneurial skill and vision for the LEC.

"Flavin's energy, enthusiasm and willingness to invest in and operate the LEC gives the facility a renewed life," said City Manager Thaddeus McCormack. "It was clear the city could not continue operating it ourselves. Temporarily operating the stable for the past year has required key members of our city staff to focus away from other city duties as they gave their best efforts to keeping the LEC on a steady footing while we searched for a new operator."

"We are very pleased that we have reached an agreement with Cindy," said McCormack, "and we will work with her to have a smooth transition from our operation to hers for the benefit of the people and animals who use the facility."

The 19-acre LEC, located on Carson Street just west of the 605 Freeway, is partly on city-owned land with a parcel running down the middle of the property owned by the Southern California Edison Co. and used by the LEC under a five-year license agreement renewable at the discretion of SCE.

NLMUSD Appoints New Superintendent

The Norwalk-La Mirada Board of Education has appointed Dr. Natasha Baker in the role of Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Baker will officially begin the role on January 1, 2025.



Dr. Natasha Baker

"I am grateful to the Board and school community for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District,"

said Dr. Baker. "I remain super excited about listening to and learning from our staff, community, parents, and students.

Together, we can build on the wonderful successes of Norwalk-La Mirada, support one another, and work together to achieve even greater success. With great optimism, I am looking forward to engaging with our team whose focus is on every student to be future ready as our promise!"

Chosen from a large pool of highly qualified candidates vetted by executive search firm Leadership Associates, Dr. Baker's most recent role was the Chief Academic Officer in the Fresno Unified School District, where she led the Instructional Division that supports nearly 70,000 students across more than 100 schools with a combined departmental budget of over \$580 million.

Academically, Dr. Baker holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, a master's degree in English from Howard University, and a bachelor's degree in English education as well as a teaching credential in English from California State University, Long Beach.

In May 2024, Dr. Baker earned a Master of Science degree in Finance from Johns Hopkins University's Carey Business School.

"On behalf of the Board of Education, I'd like to welcome Dr. Natasha Baker to the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District as our new Superintendent," said Jose Rios, President, Norwalk-La Mirada Board of Education. "Dr. Baker brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position, and my colleagues on the Board and I are confident that her leadership will steer our District to a new era of prosperity and achievement."

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Leticia Mendoza Sworn in as ABCUSD Trustee



NEW TRUSTEE: L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn with Trustee Mendoza (4th from left) and Ms. Mendoza's family. Ms. Mendoza is the ABCUSD Area 1 Trustee.

death. Public Health is also investigating additional possible cases of H5 bird flu in three house cats from a different household. One cat has tested positive for Influenza A, a rare result in cats that indicates possible H5 bird flu. Two other cats, which have died after worsening respiratory illness, are presumed to have also been positive for Influenza A. Public Health is awaiting confirmatory testing. These cats were not known to be exposed to raw milk, however public health is investigating other possible sources of infection, including raw meat.

Residents should avoid consumption of all raw milk and raw meat products and not feed these to their pets. Raw dairy, meat and poultry products, can harbor harmful bacteria and viruses, including H5 bird flu, which can pose serious risks to your health and the health of your pets. While consuming raw milk and meat products is never advised from a public health standpoint, the risk is especially concerning at this time, given the ongoing spread of bird flu virus among dairy cattle and following recent multiple detections of the virus in raw milk products.

About H5 Bird Flu

H5 bird flu refers to various strains of influenza A viruses that typically infect birds. While these viruses mainly affect wild birds, sometimes they also infect other animals, including wild and domestic animals (including seals, foxes, cats, and cows). H5N1 is one type of avian influenza that has been spreading among birds and mammals, leading to a nationwide outbreak. This is the first time these bird flu viruses have been found to be spreading in cows. The overall risk of H5 bird flu to the public remains low. There is currently no evidence of person to person spread of this virus.

Public Health has been working with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the local LA County agricultural community to ensure key risk groups, including farm workers, workers at dairy, egg, and meat processing facilities and backyard flock owners receive information and resources to help identify and protect against this infection; this includes access to gloves, face masks and eye protection along with access to testing and flu vaccines.

Public Health yesterday confirmed the first case of H5 bird flu in a human in Los Angeles County who was exposed to livestock infected with H5 Bird flu at a worksite.

Symptoms of H5 bird flu virus infection in humans may include:

- Eye redness or discharge
- Cough
- Sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue
- trouble breathing
- Fever


Symptoms in cats infected with H5 bird flu may vary and include:

- Loss of appetite
- Tiredness
- Respiratory and/or neurological signs

For questions or to find a nearby clinic or doctor, residents can call the Public Health InfoLine at 833-540-0473. Open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, visit our websites: Avian flu in animals: publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/HPAI.htm

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can be found on the product's website.

The recalled products are packaged 2-pound plastic bags with "Best if used by" dates of 05/21/26 B10 and 06/23/2026 B1. Pet owners are urged to immediately dispose of the product.

Residents who fed their pets the recalled raw pet food products or other raw meat or dairy products and notice their pet is experiencing symptoms should immediately contact their veterinarian.

Public Health recently confirmed H5 bird flu in four house cats that consumed recalled raw milk and became sick and died, which is part of an ongoing investigation. Cats infected with H5 bird flu can develop severe illness that may including neurologic signs, respiratory signs or liver disease that can rapidly progress to

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Country-Pop Artist Jordana Bryant Hits Los Angeles



JORDANA BRYANT performed alongside “The Voice” season 21 winners and trio Girl Named Tom on Dec. 16 and 17 at the Harris Center and Clark Center for the Performing Arts for the Joy of Christmas Tour.

By Stepheny Gehrig

Jordana Bryant, an up and coming country-pop artist, made an appearance for two days in Los Angeles. Bryant performed alongside “The Voice” season 21 winners and trio Girl Named Tom on Dec. 16 and 17 at the Harris Center and Clark Center for the Performing Arts, respectively, for the Joy of Christmas Tour.

“I’m beyond excited to share the stage with Girl Named Tom,” Bryant said. “It’s such an honor to perform alongside them and bring my music to Los Angeles. I can’t wait to connect with fans, welcome new listeners, and share some of my favorite Christmas songs, along with my originals, “Home For Christmas” and “First Christmas In Love.” The holiday season is such a magical time, and I’m so excited to bring the warmth and spirit of Christmas to LA.”

Bryant officially began her music career in 2020, but gained much traction throughout 2019 posting covers of tracks like Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello’s “Senorita” which earned 2.2 million views on YouTube. Still showing range through

covers, the Pennsylvania native, has shifted her social media presence to include vlogs, original songs and music videos — fully documenting her growth as an artist.

With a new album set to be released March 14, 2025, the 19-year-old singer-songwriter, has made a poignant mark on the music industry amassing a social media following of 329,000 on Instagram, and averaging 122,000 listeners on Spotify. Bryant’s top song “New Friends” has earned 4,739,084 streams, and her newest 2024 release fits with the holiday theme, titled “Home for Christmas” — making her a highly anticipated feature on this tour.

On Dec. 19, Bryant will perform alongside Girl Named Tom at the City National Grove of Anaheim — a more local venue — to continue the Joy of Christmas Tour. The tickets range from \$27 to \$67, and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets for her upcoming performance can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

To connect with Bryant and learn more about her music career, visit jordanaabryant.com, or at jordana.bryant on social media.

Christmas tree recycling offered in Cerritos

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Thursday, December 26 through Friday, January 10 by placing them at the curb for pick-up by 7 a.m. on their trash collection days. The trees will be composted or used for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District’s daily landfill cover.

Trees to be recycled should not contain any lights, tinsel, nails, metal stands, or decorations, and should not be placed in bags. Trees more than 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Flocked trees will be accepted.

Businesses in Cerritos or residents living in apartments or condominiums can place trees next to their trash bin for collection.

For more information, call the City’s Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

Calif. Credit Union Provides 525 Gifts to L.A. Boys & Girls Club



CALIFORNIA CREDIT UNION volunteers distribute gifts to Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club families and community members during the organization’s annual holiday event. The credit union provided over 525 new toys donated by the credit union, its employees and members during a branch drive.

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California Credit Union has partnered with the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club to bring some holiday magic to hundreds of Club kids, providing over 525 new toys and gifts donated by the credit union, its employees, and members.

“At California Credit Union, we believe in the power of giving back, especially during the holiday season,” said California Credit Union President/CEO Steve O’Connell. “We’re proud to support the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club and help bring a little extra joy to the children and families they serve. Our team is committed to making a positive impact in our community, and this donation is just one way we can help make the holidays brighter for local families.”

All of the toys and gifts were donated

by California Credit Union, its employees and members in a month-long drive in its branch locations across Los Angeles County. The toys were distributed during the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club holiday celebration on December 17th to the Club families it serves in communities across Northeast Los Angeles. Credit union volunteers also were on hand to help organize and distribute gifts for the kids.

The Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club’s mission is to inspire and enable all youth, especially from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, care and responsible members of the community. Classes for teens include gang prevention, wellness, the arts, and physical fitness. For more information about the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club, please visit labgc.org.

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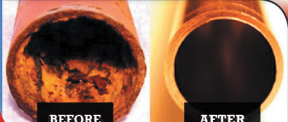


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Pageant of the Masters to Host Casting Call for Volunteers

Laguna Beach, CA - The Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach will host its annual Open Casting Call for volunteers from January 10 to 12, 2025.

This opportunity invites participants to take on both on-stage and backstage roles for the Pageant's upcoming summer production, "Gold Coast: Treasures of California".

New this year, Sunday afternoon will feature the Family Fun Fest, offering something for everyone, including food trucks, music, games, photo opportunities, and art projects.

Volunteers of all ages and sizes are needed to become cast members and strike a pose in the world's most famous presentation of tableaux vivants. On-stage roles include posing in live recreations of works of art, while backstage roles offer opportunities in make-up, headpieces, and costumes. No theater

experience is required, and all training will be provided.

"People volunteer at the Pageant of the Masters because it's more than just being part of a production—it's about becoming part of a family," said Sharbie Higuchi, Director of Marketing and Public Relations. "It's a chance to connect with the community, celebrate art and history, and contribute to a tradition that inspires thousands every year. It's a one-of-a-kind experience."

Prospective volunteers are encouraged to bring their friends, families, and neighbors to sign up for the opportunity to participate together. Substitute and backup positions are also available for those unable to commit to a full schedule, playing a vital role in the production as they may be called upon as needed throughout the summer.

Open Casting Call Details:

Casting Call will take place at 650 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA, on the following dates:

Friday, January 10: 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, January 11: 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, January 12: 2-5 p.m. (Family Fun Fest)

During the Casting Call, potential cast members will have their photo taken and measurements recorded to assist with the creation of Pageant's sets and costumes. Guests will also enjoy a behind-the-scenes preview of the artwork to be featured in the newly announced 2025 Pageant production. No appointments are necessary.

On Sunday, January 12, the Pageant of the Masters is debuting Family Fun Fest, an exciting brand-new addition to this year's Casting Call. Held in front of the Pageant amphitheater, this fun family-friendly event will feature popular food trucks, including The Lime Truck and Feeding Frenzy.

A PERFORMER from the 2024 POM show themed *À La Mode: The Art of Fashion* gets ready.



VOLUNTEERS prepare to re-create works of art at the Pageant of the Masters.

Attendees who sign up to volunteer on Sunday will receive a voucher for one free item from their choice of food truck.

Guests can get an up close look at Pageant sets and take photos, enjoy music by DJ Wendy, and explore the Bizarre Bazaar, which includes Pageant stage props, artwork, costumes, and other one-of-a-kind treasures.

The Festival's gift shop will also host a Last Chance Sale with discounts on select items.

There will also be snacks and refreshments, art activities, games and more for those who sign up to volunteer with the Pageant during this special event.

"This is the first time the Pageant has ever offered an event like Family Fun Fest during Casting Call, and we couldn't be

more excited," shared Higuchi. "We hope this new addition will encourage people to come out, have fun, and get involved in this unique production – truly reflecting the spirit of our community."

For more information about the Casting Call and volunteering with the Pageant of the Masters, visit www.foapom.com/volunteer.

For those who are interested in volunteering, but are unable to attend the Open Casting Call, private appointments may be set up by calling the Casting Department at (949) 494-3663 or casting@foapom.com.

Stay connected with the Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters by visiting www.foapom.com or following @FestivalPageant on social media.

From the City of Hawaiian Gardens

Happy Holidays

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Dancing Into 2025! Martha Graham Dance Company, Alonzo King Lines Ballet and Twyla Tharp at the Segerstrom Center 2025

By Lydia E. Ringwald

Inspiring dance performances by the Martha Graham Dance Company, Alonzo King Lines Ballet and Twyla Tharp at Segerstrom Center highlight the beginning of 2025.

On January 18, 2005, the legendary Martha Graham Dance Company celebrating their 100th Anniversary with some of the original dance choreographies of the iconic Martha Graham. ‘Graham 100’ revives her classic “Appalachian Spring” created in 1944 and “Immediate Tragedy” created in 1937 in response to the Spanish Civil War in a presentation and that also includes two new innovative choreographies ‘CAVE’ and ‘We The People’ created in the Martha Graham modern dance style.

“We The People”, a choreography that is both a protest and a lament, is mobilized by a new musical score based on historic American folk music sound.

The ‘power of the people’ is the strong thematic concept that propels dancers with the overwhelming momentum that mobilizes their energetic movement. Belief in humanitarian values with hope that ‘we the people’ may live up to the ideals that will make the world a better place illuminates the stage.

The kinetic choreography of ‘CAVE’ reimagines the visceral energy of the techno dance scene onto the proscenium stage. Choreographer Hofesh Shechter, inspired by an idea by dance star Daniel Simkin, aligns



Martha Graham Dance Company in “Canticle for Innocent Comedians.” ~ Luis Luque

his innovative new movement with Martha Graham technique to create a contemporary modern dance masterpiece.

On February 2, 2025 Alonzo King Lines Ballet performs at Segerstrom Center with an intriguing choreography set to the music of Maurice Ravel’s “Ma mere l’Oye” (‘Mother Goose’). The composition from 1910, originally a piano duet with movements inspired by fairy tale themes, was orchestrated by Ravel in 1911.

Alonzo King Lines spins modern dance and ballet movement into the music of “Ma mere l’Oye” reviving the fairy tale fantasy and transporting it into present time.

The show also includes choreography celebrating the legacy of American jazz musician and Hindu spiritual leader Alice Coltrane, who was married to renowned jazz saxophonist John Coltrane.

The innovative and multi-talented Alice Coltrane was also a jazz harpist and one of the foremost proponents of spiritual jazz, creating musical compositions that were influential both inside and outside the world

of jazz.

Alonzo King Lines Ballet enriches these unique musical compositions with the depth of dance edifying audiences with choreographies enhanced with texture and subtle meaning.

On February 15-16, Twyla Tharp, 60th Anniversary with Third Coast Percussion, performs at Segerstrom Center featuring her diverse dance interpretations of the classic Beethoven’s “Diabelli Variations” along with the ultra-modern Philip Glass composition “Aguas da Amazonia”.

Twyla Tharp’s ballet, jazz and street dance compositions meld into a dance art form set to the rhythm of stunning percussion, to generate a mesmerizing merger of movement and sound.

Begin 2025 with the inspiration of dance and the opportunity to schedule all three dance performances at Segerstrom Center in January and February 2025.

Please visit scfta.org for tickets and additional information.

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This year’s Platinum Award marks a significant milestone in the City’s sustainability efforts, following its previous recognitions: the Silver Award in 2021 and Gold Awards in 2022 and 2023. Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy’s Power Choice Program, which offers affordable solar energy and battery storage systems to local residents and businesses, played a pivotal role in securing this prestigious honor.

“Through initiatives like Power Choice, we’re empowering our community to embrace clean energy solutions and reduce our carbon footprint,” continued Carmona. “Pico Rivera’s journey toward environmental excellence is ongoing, and with the community’s support, we will keep driving meaningful change.”

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“On behalf of the City of Santa Fe Springs, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Los Angeles County and Supervisor Janice Hahn for bringing the Pathway Home Program to our community. This innovative encampment resolution program is not just about providing shelter, it’s about restoring dignity, hope, and opportunity. By offering immediate interim housing solutions such as motel rooms, this program exemplifies the compassionate leadership and collaborative spirit we need to bring our unhoused neighbors off the streets and into a place they can call home. Thank you for investing in our City and in the lives of those who need it most,” said Santa Fe Springs Mayor Bill Rounds.

Funding for the operation came from a \$51.5 million state grant awarded to Los Angeles County earlier this year to expand its Pathway Home program and help nearly 600 people living in encampments.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

Gahr Never Trails In Rare Rout Of Cerritos, Win Fourth Straight Over City Rivals

By Loren Kopff
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Just about every season, there's a different component to the boys basketball city rivalry between Cerritos High and Gahr High. The last two games have ended in overtime wins by Gahr, seeking its fourth straight win over the Dons, which would mark the program's second longest winning streak since 1999.

The Gladiators didn't have to worry about their streak being snapped as senior Ethan Carey drained a three-pointer 52 seconds into the game and the hosts never trailed in a 63-39 victory. By the midway point of the third quarter, Gahr had a 33-point lead and was on the verge of the biggest win by either team in the history of the rivalry in the past 26 seasons, including tournament games. But Gahr's 39-point win in a Dec. 6, 2014 tournament game stands as the most lopsided win. The Gladiators also defeated Cerritos by 36 points in their normal meeting on Dec. 7, 2012.

"I talked to the guys before the game and said, 'hey, we've owned the city three years in a row; let's keep it

rolling,'" said Gahr head coach Marcus Girley. "I think today there was a difference between some of the games in the past...the energy defensively, our length and our size kind of complicated their game plan. Our kids bought in early, and I think that kind of took a little air out of their sails and we kind of coasted."

"They just came to play; they played really well," said Cerritos head coach Jonathan Watanabe. "They shot the ball really well today and we should have done a better job on the defensive end of getting back and boxing out. But it is what it is."

Cerritos did not score until nearly two minutes into the game when senior Benson Cho's basket made it 5-2. The score would be 12-8 following a three-pointer from senior Nathan Ju before Gahr (6-5) began to pull away. A steal from junior Austin Woon, who dished the ball to senior Uchenna Okoli began a 9-0 run that covered the final 3:31 of the opening quarter. Then with the score 25-13 in the second quarter, the Gladiators outscored the Dons 10-0 over a span of 2:16 to put the game away.

Cerritos (4-8) was true on seven field goals in the first half, three coming on perimeter shots and another coming on a three-point play. It would not hit consecutive baskets until late in the third quarter, but even with a 44-18 halftime lead, Girley wasn't about to let his team celebrate just yet.

"The message has been this season is

a journey, and I've sent them a few videos," said Girley of his halftime speech to his team. "On your journey, you're going to fail; you're going to succeed, you're going to fall and you're going to get back up. Even when you reach the top, it starts back all over again. By halftime, hey, we're not up the mountain yet, brother. There's a long season to go, so let's come out [in the second half], still be hungry and understand Cerritos is going to come out in the first five minutes and give us everything they've got."

Meanwhile, it was a different message for Watanabe, who told his team to play harder, get back on defense and box out. The Dons had seven rebounds in the first half, partly because Gahr was 17 of 31 from the field.

"We talked about taking away the easy shots and we gave up all easy shots in the first half," said Watanabe. "It's hard when you're outsized by that much and you're giving them easy ones. It's difficult to win the game like that."

The beginning of the second half was more of the same with Cerritos scoring one basket in the first four and a half minutes while a three-pointer from freshman Bryce Titus with 4:17 left in the stanza made it 53-20. Cerritos responded by going on an 8-1 run the rest of the quarter as senior Demetrius Washington hit a trifecta, followed by a free throw and Cho scored on an offensive putback as the black and gold scored in succession for the first time.

"That's what you do; you just keep competing," said Watanabe. "You're trying to get better. In the preseason, it doesn't matter what your record is. We had the team two years ago go 1-10 and that same group of guys ended up winning a CIF championship [last year]. It takes time, so we have a brand new group of guys, and it takes time for them to learn to adjust to these games. Gahr came out and played well."

Gahr would score the first six points of the fourth quarter before the Dons concluded the final 3:28 of the game on an 11-3 run, highlighted by a four-point play from junior Aaron Shin. Cho led the team with 11 points and six rebounds while senior Jaylen Barsana added half a dozen points. Nine players scored a basket as Cerritos had its starting lineup of Barsana, Cho, Ju, Washington and senior Jaden Ribac together for the first time since Dec. 6. Watanabe has used that starting lineup six times in the first 11 games.

"There are no excuses," said Watanabe. "It doesn't matter how long you've been out. It might affect you offensively, but it shouldn't affect you defensively. We just got outplayed tonight."

For Gahr, sophomore Joshua Pearson led the way with 18 points, freshman Xavier Brown had a pair of three-pointers each in both quarters of the first half to finish with 12 points and Okoli added 11 points. It's the fourth game this season at least three players scored in double figures.

"Xavier is a scorer," said Girley. "He had been struggling the past few games and I [said] to both my freshmen, 'you have to let it come to you'. You can't seek out points; the basketball gods won't bless you. In this game, I thought he just played out the actions and took what the defense gave him in the first half."

"We're still developing leadership," he later said. "Sometimes on the court when [there are a] few bad possessions, sometimes we don't have that guy to get everybody together and rally the troops. Anytime we're talking and we're running our actions, we're a tough team to beat."

Since 1999, Gahr now owns a 20-13 series advantage which includes a 5-2 lead in tournament games. The two had co-hosted a tournament at the beginning of December and faced either in the championship game of that event six times. Gahr now has defeated the Dons eight times in 13 meetings at Gahr since Dec. 8, 2000.

Cerritos will head down to Rancho Penasquitos to participate in the Mt. Carmel Tournament, a staple with the Cerritos program every season, and will open bracket play against Eastlake High on Thursday afternoon.

"We're looking forward to it," said Watanabe. "We have seven seniors, three juniors, six sophomores, and so part of the thing is we need to travel so these guys become one family. They're very tightknit within the group, but as a whole...we need those five days in San Diego to kind of hang out and really become a family."

Gahr will stay in the Southland, but will be in The Classic at Damien, which has been around since 1981. The Gladiators are situated in the Silver Division and will open that bracket against Valencia High on Thursday afternoon at San Dimas High.

"There are no easy games," said Girley. "But I love the competition, and our kids have responded to big games and the big scenes. We'll be ready."



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3rd ANNUAL SAN PEDRO LADY PIRATE SHOOTOUT

Whitney's Defense Wreaks Havoc on Competition as Wildcats Head to Pacific Northwest

By Loren Kopff
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SAN PEDRO-Through the first 14 games of the season, the Whitney High girls basketball team has seen its share of good competition, bad competition and a little of both in between. But unlike previous seasons, head coach Myron Jacobs has had a slightly different approach to the season despite some opponents not as desirable as he would have liked based on the 11-player team he has.

No matter what the reason has been, or is, the Wildcats swept through the 3rd annual San Pedro Lady Pirate Shootout like it was nothing, breezing past Carson High 70-40 last Saturday night in the championship game. Whitney, not accustomed to playing teams from the CIF-Los Angeles City Section, faced the second of four teams from outside the Southern Section when they squared off against the Colts, and the game was over before the end of the opening quarter.

Going from the extremity of playing the caliber of a Lakewood High or a Rancho Cucamonga High in a span of five days in late November, then the Golden Valley Tournament in Merced from Dec. 5-7 to this tournament made Jacobs decide what his approach was going to be.

"Practice for Seattle, but most importantly, teaching the girls who are new to varsity," he said. "You only get so much time with them, and these are the perfect games to teach at the same time you go. Everybody wants to go and jump into hard tournaments to get battle tested. But in reality, we don't have that type of squad to go do that type of run. We would rather go somewhere where we can preserve players."

He's talking about a bigger challenge beginning Dec. 26 when Whitney will take part in the inaugural Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament at Kamiak High School in Mukilteo, just north of Seattle.

Sophomore Alyssa So had her opinion of facing the City Section teams, but made the most of this tournament



MVP AND TEAMMATES: From (l-r) senior Haylie Wang (tournament most valuable player), junior Tina Namiranian, senior Rachel Moyher and sophomore Alyssa So. The latter three were named to the all-tournament team and all four players combined to average 55 of the 65 points per game in the four-team tournament.

Photos by Loren Kopff.



THE WHITNEY HIGH girls basketball team captured the 3rd Annual San Pedro Lady Pirate Shootout last Saturday night with a 70-40 win over Carson High.

by scoring close to 70 points in the four games. She took the first four shots of the game for her team and five of the first seven, connecting on three perimeter shots.

"I think that L.A. City Section [schools] are much more physical than what we're used to," said So. "That was something that we knew coming into this. That was something we had to pay

attention to."

Whitney forced Carson to turn the ball over 11 times in the quarter with senior Haylie Wang picking up four of her game-high 12 steals in the first eight minutes. One of those led to her last basket of the stanza and made the score 17-5 with 1:50 remaining. The Wildcats let up a bit in the second quarter, scoring only nine points but they were still in

control with a 31-14 halftime lead.

Whitney grabbed 13 rebounds and forced another 11 turnovers in the second quarter as the Colts did not score consecutive points in the first half, and in fact, accomplished that feat three times in the game. One of the favorites to win the 605 League this season amped it up in the third quarter, scoring 19 points and for the third time, forcing 11 more turnovers. Wang was dominant again, scoring nine points in the stanza with four rebounds and a pair of steals.

"I'm a big believer in that you don't have to play a Division 1 or a Division 2 team to compete and get better," said Jacobs. "You just have to learn how to work on your system but use these types of tournaments to teach that and get them better."

Wang, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, scored 23 points, had a dozen rebounds, six steals and two assists while So added 20 points, four steals, three assists and a pair of rebounds. Also having solid games were senior Rachel Moyher (five rebounds, four steals), junior Tina Namiranian (nine points, three rebounds, two steals) and sophomore Keila Kurihara (10 points off the bench). Moyher, Namiranian and So were named to the all-tournament team.

"In the past, we've usually had about four girls who can play," said Jacobs. "This year, the motto is to get everybody ready, and every night [in this tournament], someone else stepped up. Somebody is always going to be off. You're not going to have one game where everybody is on it. Tonight, if you ask me, it was Keila who was on. Before that it was Haylie who was on [and] the day before that, it was probably Alyssa who was on."

"The components to this team winning is building more chemistry together and more playing time for the younger kids," he continued. "But most importantly, doing the things that we need to do in a system that we need to run to flourish."

"I think we did really well, especially because we were missing [sophomore] Cheyanne [Cheung]," said So. "She's a big part of our defense and she really does all our dirty work with the rebounding and defending. It was really hard not having her, but I think we did a good job of filling the gap she left and won for her. No one thought we were going to win, but we didn't let that deter us from trying our best and being really physical and not play like the underdogs that everyone thought we were."

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News and Notes from Press Row - Area Teams to Remain Busy as 2024 Comes to an End

By Loren Kopff
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A plethora of high school basketball tournaments and a girls soccer tournament are on the docket in the final days of 2024 and several area teams will be part of those events. Here is what is on tap and what has recently been completed.

BOYS BASKETBALL GREAT DESERT SHOOTOUT

Artesia High went to North Valley Christian Academy in Phoenix last Thursday through Saturday and lost the last two of the three-game tournament. The Pioneers (6-4) defeated the host school 64-47 before falling to (Phoenix) Desert Vista High 67-42 and Tucson-based Mountain View High 71-60. Senior Jovell Tate scored 43 points in the three games while senior C.J. Okeke had 25 points.

Next game: Jan. 3 vs. Wiseburn-Da Vinci High

605 League opener: Jan. 7 @ Oxford Academy

38TH HOLIDAY HOOPS AT MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

Cerritos High makes its yearly visit to Rancho Penasquitos in north San Diego County where the Dons (4-8) will begin bracket play against Eastlake High before facing either nearby Rancho Bernardo High or Faith Lutheran High out of Las Vegas in the second round.

Next game after tournament: Jan. 3 @ Sonora High

605 League opener: Jan. 7 @ Whitney High

THE CLASSIC AT DAMIEN

This is dubbed as the premier national high school basketball tournament and both Gahr High and La Mirada High are two of 128 teams taking part in the

event. Gahr is in the Silver Division and will face Valencia High at San Dimas High. On Friday, the Gladiators (7-5) will face either Pasadena High or St. Mary's College.

Next game after tournament: Jan. 6 vs. Animo Venice

Gateway League opener: Jan. 10 vs. Mayfair High

La Mirada has played nothing but tournament games, first winning the Rumble on the Hill Tournament, then going 2-1 in the Kevin Brown Memorial Tournament of Champions in Peoria, IL before recently taking third place in the St. John Bosco Braves Winter Classic. The Matadores (10-2) will face Parish Episcopal High out of Dallas, before meeting either Redondo Union High or Destiny Christian Academy out of Sacramento in the second round.

Next game after tournament: Jan. 2

vs. Brophy College Prep at the Nike Tournament of Champions

Gateway League opener: Jan. 8 @ Lynwood High

OXFORD ACADEMY DOUGLAS USELTON MEMORIAL D5 CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

Norwalk High will take its 9-4 record into this tournament where it will be in the same pool with Valley Christian High. The Lancers will face V.C. (5-8), Oxford Academy on Friday and Chowchilla High on Saturday while the Defenders will play Chowchilla on Friday and the host school on Saturday.

Mid-Cities League opener for Norwalk: Jan. 3 @ Firebaugh High

Olympic League opener for V.C.: Jan. 3 vs. Maranatha High

**GIRLS BASKETBALL
WHITTIER TOURNAMENT**

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Cheung, who was penciled into the starting lineup at the beginning of the season, missed the last three games of the tournament and will not accompany the team to the Pacific Northwest.

The Wildcats blew out El Segundo High 70-32 last Wednesday as Wang erupted for 29 points and had seven rebounds while So scored 21 points. Coming off the bench was Namaranian and she responded with a career-high 13 points along with three rebounds and three steals. The Wildcats led 26-10 after the first quarter.

The next night, the 'Cats feasted on Banning High in a 60-24 conquest with Wang pouring in a season-high 34 points and So adding 13 points. The best game of the tournament for Whitney came

last Friday night when it turned a 21-20 halftime deficit to Serra High into a 59-44 victory.

"I think the Serra game is actually one of the games that stood out because it was more of a physical game, and it was a different type of style," said Jacobs. "Playing in Orange County, then playing a L.A. City Section team, the game physicality is on a different level. I thought we handled it well, especially seeing that we went down [six] points and had to fight back."

Whitney led most of the opening quarter until Kaicia Scranton's three-pointer with 9.4 seconds left put the Cavaliers up 10-9. Later in the half, Serra went up by six points following a two-pointer and a three-pointer from Yve Young. But five free throws in the final 2:43 of the half closed the gap,

then the Wildcats outscored Serra 25-12 before opening an 18-point advantage nearly midway through the fourth quarter on back to back buckets from So.

Having her best game in a Whitney uniform was Moyher, who pulled down 16 rebounds, scored a dozen points and had two steals. But Whitney has been, and figures to be paced the rest of the season by Wang, who scored 19 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and had six assists, and So, who pitched in with 15 points, three rebounds and two assists. They have been the top two scorers in every game thus far.

"I think it's about trust," said So. "If I'm not having a good game, I can rely on her to kind of get me back into the mindset that I need to be in. I can rely on her energy; she can rely on me. If she's not having a good game, I'll make

sure to make sure she's feeling good."

Whitney will play host Kamiak, Everett High and Auburn Riverside High in the three-day tournament. Jacobs says he likes to travel before league play starts because he feels those should be the hardest games on the schedule. The three games in the Emerald City will be the hardest, besides a Jan. 11 game against Long Beach Poly High until the playoffs for the Wildcats.

"We're still going to be missing Cheyanne in Seattle, so we know it will be a little harder," said So. "But I think we can battle. I think we're ready mentally after this tournament. I think we've proven we can fight with physical teams, taller teams and talented teams. I think we need to make sure we're in the right mindset."

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Artesia has played only four games this season, all losses, but will kick off pool play action against Rosemead High before facing Corona Santiago High on Friday and Whittier High on Saturday.

605 League opener: Jan. 7 @ Oxford Academy

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOLIDAY PREP CLASSIC

A late change has put Cerritos in bracket play instead of pool play action. Now, the Dons (4-7) will play a first round game against Etiwanda High at West Hills High and will face wither Lincoln High or Mater Dei High on Friday with the first round losers playing at Point Loma High and the first round winners moving to Canyon Hills on Friday.

Next game after tournament Jan. 4 @ North Torrance High

605 League opener: Jan. 7 @ Oxford

Academy SURF CITY HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Gahr and La Mirada are situated in a 10-team pool with the Gladiators (7-4) facing Mission Viejo High, Calvary Chapel Santa Ana High and Tesoro High while the Matadores (4-7) square off against Patriot High, Inglewood High and Mission Viejo. Tournament sites are Marina High, Huntington Beach High and Ocean View High.

Gateway League opener for Gahr: Jan. 3 @ Paramount High

Mid-Cities League opener for La Mirada: Jan. 3 vs. Bellflower High ORANGE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

V.C. (5-7) began pool play action against Long Beach Cabrillo High and will play Fullerton High on Friday and Laguna Hills High on Saturday.

Olympic League opener: Jan. 3 against Maranatha

1st ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Whitney, which is coming off a

championship in the 3rd annual San Pedro Lady Pirate Shootout heads to the Pacific Northwest to participate in the 1st annual Holiday Classic. The Wildcats (10-4) faced host school Kamiak High, based out of Mukilteo, WA, a northern suburb of Seattle in the first game, then will play Everett High on Friday and Auburn Riverside High on Saturday.

605 League opener: Jan. 7 vs. Cerritos BOYS SOCCER

No tournaments here, but Artesia (6-1) hosts Gahr (6-1-1) on Friday and Canyon High on Monday while Gahr will also visit Estancia High on Monday. Cerritos (3-1-2) visits California High on Thursday.

GIRLS SOCCER BEST IN THE WEST TOURNAMENT

Artesia defeated Century High 2-1 before losing to Simi Valley High 1-0 last Saturday to fall to 7-2-0 as the Pioneers will host Long Beach Jordan High on Saturday.

Cerritos dropped a pair of 5-1 decisions to St. Genevieve High and Castaic High last Saturday to fall to 2-7-0.

Gahr edged Santa Ana High 2-1 and tied El Camino Real High 1-1 last Saturday and is now 2-6-1 while La Mirada improved to 4-2-2 with wins over Charter Oak High (5-0) and Dana Hills High (1-0) last Saturday.

Finally, Norwalk blanked Rancho Alamitos High 1-0 and got past Calvary Chapel Downey High 2-1 to move to 6-4-1.

ONTARIO CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

V.C. heads out to the Inland Empire for its yearly visit to this tournament where it opened bracket play against Rim of the World High. The Defenders (2-3-1) will play Central Valley Christian High or Linfield Christian High in the second round.

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sign-build team, is responsible for both the design and construction of the Project.

In addition, the city did not provide an estimated cost for the Project.

At the November 13 City Council meeting, City Manager Raul Alvarez issued a report to the Mayor and Council recommending that KYA Services, LLC be awarded the contract for the Project. Alvarez's report indicated that the city received four "responsible" bids.

One was from Bridgerock Construction, Inc., at a cost of \$963,585; a second was from Asad Holdings, LLC, at a cost of \$1,190,000; a third was from KYA Services, LLC, at a cost of \$1,499,182; and a fourth was from Global Builders, Inc., at a cost of \$1,998,888.

Despite Bridgerock Construction's lowest responsible bid, nearly \$536,000

less than KYA Services, LLC, Alvarez recommended KYA Services, LLC, and the City Council unanimously approved Alvarez's recommendation.

WRR wrote, "The city has violated the Public Contract Code by failing to procure this Project via formal competitive bidding. We further apprise the city that its conclusions in the August 27, 2024 Addendum are incorrect and that the city must comply with the design-build requirements outlined in the Public Contract Code where it procures both the design and construction of a project from a single entity, accordingly, the city must rescind its contract with KYA Services for the Project, reject all bids, and procure the Project via formal competitive bidding or the traditional design-build model."

Under the Code, any public contract over \$200,000 must be disseminated under a formal competitive bidding procedure and contain several requirements,

such as being published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 14 calendar days before the date of bid opening.

The Code also requires that the City Council must award any contracts to the lowest responsible bidder. In addition, the city may only award a contract for public works without plans where repair or replacement of city facilities is necessary due to emergency and pursuant to a four-fifths vote of the City Council.

Further, the city failed to prequalify bidders as required by the Code. No section of the RFP required the contractor to use a skilled and trained workforce for the Project; a great majority of public agency contracts are urged to use a Project Labor Agreement (PLA), which guarantees the contractor will hire locally and pay prevailing wages.

WRR stated, "The City's procurement of this Project thus violates the formal bidding requirements of the Code and the Montebello Municipal Code. Con-

sequently, any contract the city executes for the Project with KYA Services, LLC will be void and unenforceable. Thus, the city must abandon its void procurement of the Project, rescind any contract it has entered into with KYA Services, LLC, and procure the Project via the formal competitive bidding process required by the Code and the Montebello Municipal Code."

Now Los Cerritos Community News has obtained a letter from Montebello City Manager Raul Alvarez to Attorney R Maxwell Sinclair of WRR stating they will rescind the contract, calling into question why the contract was awarded in the first place. The letter stated, "be advised that City staff will be recommending that the Montebello City Council rescind the award made to KYA services for the project, reject all bids for the project and reevaluate the project including the possibility of re-advertising the project as required under applicable law."

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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Soluzion, Inc., A California Corporation Duly Appointed Trustee: Superior Loan Servicing Recorded 10/30/2017 as Instrument No. 20171242926 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 1/17/2025 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,074,511.05 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12711 Castleford Lane Cerritos, Ca 90703 A.P.N.: 7044-032-012 "As Is Where Is" The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01966. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (714) 730-2727, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01966 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/20/2024 Superior Loan Servicing, by Asset Default Management Inc., as Agent for Trustee 7525 Topanga Canyon Blvd. Canoga Park, California 91303 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 Julie Taberdo, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer A-4831341 12/27/2024, 01/03/2025, 01/10/2025

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
 Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT #</u>
ANTONIO MAURICIO TOLENTINO	A204
SUSAN TREEN	B772

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

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
 Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday January 14th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
DELVONDRE BERNARD GARDNER	F138
VERONICA LEDEZMA AND LUIS MARTIN	E246

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
 (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)
 Escrow No. 31987-PC-B
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and address of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: JNIK, INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 4701 W. IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304
 Doing business as: #15 MOBIL LAKEWOOD
 All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) within the past three years as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are: NONE
 The names and addresses of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: STAR FUEL, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 424 OAK STREET, UNIT 134, GLENDALE, CA 91204
 The assets being sold are generally described as: GOODWILL/BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, OFF-SALE BEER & WINE LICENSE, PETROLEUM INVENTORY AND RESALEABLE MERCHANDISE INVENTORY and is/are located at: 5500 SOUTH STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713
 The type of license to be transferred is/are: OFF-SALE BEER & WINE LICENSE NO. #20-579480 now issued for the premises located at: SAME
 The bulk sale and transfer of the alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: CITYWIDE ESCROW SERVICES, INC., 12501 SEAL BEACH BLVD., SUITE 130, SEAL BEACH, CA 90740 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 22, 2025.
 The Bulk sale is not subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
 The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$150,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$75,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH THRU ESCROW \$150,000.00; ALLOCATION TOTAL \$150,000.00
 It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/Transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
 Dated:
 SELLER(S)/LICENSEE(S): JNIK, INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
 BUYER(S)/APPLICANT(S): STAR FUEL, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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**ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NOTICE CALLING FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **16th day of January 2025** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1666 Audio Visual Project at Cabrillo Lane Education Center

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders can request bid documents by emailing esthela.perez@abcusd.us. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on January 2, 2025 at 1:00 PM sharp at 20122 Cabrillo Ln, Cerritos. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class B or C-7 Contractor's License and DIR Registration is required.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 1/16/2025 at 10:00AM. Israel Gutierrez; Jorge Felix Calzada Ortega (3 units); Jesus Rosas; Bobby Medrano; Alicia Espinoza; Rosa Angelica Reyes Cervantes; Jose Manzo Escamilla (2 units); Rene Flores; Barbara Lynn Kolb; Elvia Virginia Calderon; Bryan A Cortez; Edgar Israel Luna Cedeno; Felipe Palma; Elena Deavila; Ana Luisa Martinez Martinez; Edwin Ramon Ramirez; Anthony Romeo Diaz; Jose Luis Gonzalez; Jose M Cortez Quintanilla; James Keith Gresham; Edmund Jason Santa Anna; Maria del Carmen de la Torre (2 units); Adriana Corona. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 1/16/2025 at 10:00AM. Anthony Abel Huerta; Alfredo Gonzalez Fernandez; Jannet Claudia Chavez; Rene Zavala; Hugo Antonio Cruz; Kimberly Kay Flynn. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(SECS. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)
 Escrow No. 7446-EY
 Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s) are: NAÏVE DREAM EXPRESS INC, 17504 NORWALK BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701
 The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 17504 NORWALK BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701
 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
 The name(s) and business address(es) of the Buyer(s) are: JUNG A MOON, 17504 NORWALK BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701
 The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL, TRADE NAME of a certain TRUCKING COMPANY business known as NAÏVE DREAM EXPRESS and which are located at: 17504 NORWALK BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701
 The anticipated date of the bulk sale is JANUARY 15, 2025 at the office of: SAPHIRE ESCROW, 17100 PIONEER BLVD., SUITE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701
 This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
 If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: SAPHIRE ESCROW, 17100 PIONEER BLVD., SUITE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701, and the last date for filing claims shall be JANUARY 14, 2025, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
 Dated: DECEMBER 19, 2024
 BUYER: JUNG A MOON
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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW CASE NO. DR 10-24-15754**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 for a Development Review to allow construction of three, attached two-story, multiple family dwellings with approximately 3,120 square feet of habitable space within The Downtown Bellflower Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan ("TOD SP") on property located at 9700 Mayne Street.

Pursuant to the authority and criteria of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental assessment was conducted for this project. This project has been determined to be Categorical Exempt (Class 3, Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which exempts construction of limited numbers of new structures, including, multi-family residential structure totaling no more than four dwelling units. This Project will not have a significant effect on the environment because it consists of the construction of three, attached two-story, multiple family dwellings within the TOD SP that allows for residential use. Accordingly, this Project is exempt from further review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15303.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California, telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2248. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to James Atkins at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at jatkins@bellflower.org.

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

ELIZABETH C. OBA
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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