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## La Mirada Resident Pittsburgh Steelers 'Fan of the Year'

Taylor Sinnott will go on an all expense-paid trip to the Super Bowl to compete as NFL's fan of the year.

By Laurie Hanson

Football is a family legacy that translates to daily life for Taylor Sinnott, 29, of La Mirada.

A Pittsburgh Steelers fan since she was very young, Sinnott was recently selected as their Fan of the Year and will attend the Super Bowl as the NFL's guest in February.



Taylor Sinnott

"I was born into fandom immediately," she said. Her late father, Garth Sinnott, whose family is from Western Pennsylvania, shared this loving bond of the sport with her from a young age. Through the game, she learned many life lessons, which she uses in her career today.

"It's tough to encompass the greatest lessons my dad taught me," Sinnott said. "Some quick things that come to mind are hard work, dedication, love, sense of humor, and his love for the Pittsburgh Steelers and, more specifically, Steelers defense!"

As if it were impossible, football is now an even more sig-

nificant part of her life since she was selected as the 2024 Steelers Fan of the Year. This prestigious award, given to a fan who embodies the spirit and dedication of the Steelers fan base, was a special moment for Taylor and her family. All 32 teams select a Fan of the Year, and each attends Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans as the NFL's guest.

Her mother, Bernadette Sinnott, nominated Sinnott because of her passion for football. This passion started with her father, who unexpectedly passed away in 2023 from a heart attack. Their bond through football was unbreakable, so much so that she even mentioned football when she delivered his eulogy, a testament to the profound influence he had on her life.

"I definitely believe that a love for football, more so the Steelers, is a legacy that my dad left behind, not only for me but for everyone he knew," she said. "At his funeral service reception, the theme was black and gold (the Steelers colors), and most people wore the colors or Steelers attire even if they were not Steelers fans."

On social media, Taylor's mother saw other people nominating their choice for the Fan of the Year, and she knew she had to share her daughter's story.

"Her dad's legacy is going to live on no matter what, but now it's a little part of history with her winning this," said her mother. "And we get to share it with everybody. If you had said a year ago that I would have joy in my heart

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**CURRENT CROSSING:** The Norwalk Boulevard and Los Nietos Road crossing (arrow). Nearly five trains per hour (109) cross daily; 50 of those are passenger railroad cars, while 59 are freight. The grade separation will improve safety, reduce emissions, enhance mobility and connectivity, and promote economic equity while improving efficiency for rail traffic.

## Santa Fe Springs Grade Separation Project Awarded Major Grant by Federal Railroad Administration

By Brian Hews

Santa Fe Springs announced today that it has been awarded a \$2.6 million grant to fund the critical grade separation project at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and Los Nietos Road. The transformative project will enhance traffic flow, improve public safety, and support the City's

growing transportation needs.

This grant, provided by the Federal Railroad Administration under the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program, will cover preliminary engineering for the study of the grade separation for the railroad crossing near the intersections of Norwalk Boulevard and Los Nietos Road, including

alternative development (overpass and underpass will be considered), community engagement, environmental clearance, and preliminary engineering (35%) for the Project, as well as project administration and management.

Once completed, the construction of a single-grade separation of two adjacent crossings will have a

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## California Rejects Trump's Order to Allow ICE Officers in Schools

Zaidee Stavely  
Ed Source

California state officials and leaders of county offices of education and school districts quickly rebuked the Trump administration's new guidance allowing immigration enforcement near or in schools.

"Schools must be safe spaces, not sites of fear," said Alex Traverso, director of communications of the State Board of Education. "Every child deserves to learn without intimidation, and California will do all we can to protect



**ICE REVERSED** guidance that dates back to 2011, restricting Immigration and Customs Enforcement from detaining immigrants near locations like schools, child care centers, and playgrounds.

our students."

The directive issued Tuesday by Department of Homeland Security acting secretary Benjamin Huffman reverses guidance that dates back to 2011, restricting Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border

Protection agencies from detaining immigrants near locations like schools, child care centers, playgrounds, hospitals and churches.

"This action empowers the brave men and women in CBP and ICE to enforce our immigration

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## Cerritos Candidates Forum Feb. 4

By Edna Ethington

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a Candidates Forum on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Forum will be held in the Cerritos City Council Chambers at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue in Cerritos. It will also be broadcast on Cerritos TV3 at the same time.

Cerritos residents are en-

couraged to attend the Forum to learn more about the candidates. Residents will have the opportunity to submit written questions for the candidates to answer. AAUW Branch member Tobi Balma will serve as mentor and will announce the names of the candidates and the questions that are posed to them.

For more information about the Candidates Forum, contact AAUW Branch Public Policy Chair Sondra Cohen at 562-257-0115.

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## Feds Issue 'No Prejudice' Letter for Southeast Gateway Line

Letter could mean \$985 million in federal reimbursement for funds spent on construction of early critical activities.

By Brian Hews

Los Angeles, CA – Chair of the Metro Board and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn is celebrating news that last week the Federal Transit Authority approved a Letter of No Prejudice for the Southeast Gateway Line. This means that Los Angeles Metro could be eligible for up to \$985 million in federal reimbursement for funds spent on construction of early critical activities.

"This is a huge vote of confidence in the Southeast Gateway Line and could mean nearly \$1 Billion toward its construction," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "I could not be more grateful for the support we received for this project from the Biden Administration and our Congressional champions like Congressman Robert Garcia and Senator Alex Padilla. The Southeast Gateway Line is going to be transformative for the communities up and down this line, from Artesia to Union Station – many of whom don't own cars and rely on transit."

The Letter of No Prejudice was approved in a letter to Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins from FTA Regional Administrator Ray Tellis dated January 17, 2025. Early critical construction activities eligible for possible federal reimbursement with this approval includes hazardous materials abatement, railroad relocation, and grade crossings for the Southeast Gateway Line project among other early construction work.

In October 2024, Hahn, Metro officials, and local, state, and federal supporters broke ground on utility relocation for the Southeast Gateway Line. The Southeast Gateway Line will connect southeast LA County to Downtown Los Angeles from Artesia through Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, South Gate, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, and Vernon to Union Station. Nearly half the residents in the neighborhoods that will be served by this line live below the poverty level, including one-in-five residents who are transit dependent and don't have access to their own car. The Southeast Gateway Line was included in both voter-approved sales tax measures Measure R and Measure M with nearly \$2 billion in local sales tax going toward its construction.

"I'm extremely excited to see this vital project taking shape and gaining momentum," Artesia Mayor Ali Sajjad Taj told Los Cerritos Community News. "The Southeast Gateway Line will be a powerful engine for economic growth, connecting our communities and fostering opportunities for residents and businesses in Artesia, Cerritos, and throughout southeast LA County. By linking our region to Downtown Los Angeles, we're investing in a brighter future for our families, our economy, and our environment. I'm proud to have played a role in bringing this vision to life, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our community."

## STEELERS from page 1

again, I would have said probably not. But I do have to say it brought joy to my heart."

Sinnott learned she was selected to represent the Steelers on a call with defensive tackle Cameron Heyward while working as a Child Life Specialist in the Outpatient Hematology/Oncology Unit at Millers Children's Hospital in Long Beach, California.

"We're excited for you, and we understand you do great work," said Heyward on the call. "Good things happen to good people, and we just want to say thank you."

"We heard your story," he continued. "It was cool to hear about you and your dad's relationship. We think you will be a great representative of Steelers Nation and are happy to have you."

"We're very excited to have you represent the Steelers. And I love how you take time to care for your patients."

When Taylor learned she was selected to represent the Steelers, she was overwhelmed with shock, surprise, and joy. "Oh my God," was all she could muster when Heyward shared the news. "I have no words. I really do not know what to say. I am speechless. That is amazing. That is so cool. I am so excited."

Sinnott, the Steelers' first female nominee for the honor, said that once the call ended, it all hit her.

"Looking back, there are so many more things that I wish I had said," said Taylor. "To see him on the screen, it truly was amazing. And just hearing him compare my and my dad's relationship to his and his dad (because I know his dad also passed away when he was young) was something special to hear from him. And it brought a tear to my eye."

"This means everything," she said. "Honestly, I had a rough couple of years, so to have something this exciting happen to me and for it to still be tied to my dad and make him proud is a great thing."

Sinnott's father played football growing up on defense and coached football at her high school. She said he definitely taught her every defensive play, the game in general, but mostly about defense.

"And I think that's where my love for Steelers defense comes from," she explained. "Thanks to him, I could watch them and understand what's going on."

While the two went to games on the West Coast whenever they could, they made their first trip together to Pittsburgh in 2018, a memory that will last a lifetime.

"We did this amazing trip a few years back where we flew to Baltimore and had front row seats in the end zone at the Ravens-Steelers game, and we won that game," recalled Sinnott. "And then we did a road trip from there to Pittsburgh, and we stopped at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Ohio. Then we watched a Thursday night game at Acrisure Stadium."

"Just sharing memories like that is amazing," she said. "And that's really where it all started for me through my dad."

When they were not at the games, they were mostly at home, watching in the living room and doing their special routines. They would each use the same cup for their drinks and eat the same meals every game day. They even adjusted the temperature on the thermostat to match the game day temperature wherever the team was playing. These rituals not only added to the excitement of the game but also strengthened their bond over their shared love for football.

Today, as a child life specialist, Sinnott can use her love of football to identify with patients, especially some of the young male patients in the hospital. She often engages in conversations about football in their hospital rooms, plays video games with them, especially Madden, and uses football as a tool to distract them from their illness. She has found that discussing football and playing games with the patients not only provides a welcome distraction but also helps to build a connection that can be comforting during



**FOOTBALL BOND:** Taylor with her late father, Garth, whose was from Western Pennsylvania and was a huge Steeler fan. Garth passed away suddenly in 2023. Their bond through football was unbreakable.

tough times.

"In the in-patient playrooms, there are Xbox systems where Madden is played, and that was something that I learned quickly to play so that I could further bond with patients," she added. "Cameron Heyward (player on the Steelers), along with EA Sports, gifted me a Steelers-wrapped Xbox that I placed in the outpatient setting so that the patients coming in for appointments could also play."

According to Sinnott, a pediatric population that sometimes goes underserved is the teen/young adult group. Just like any 'normal' teenager, they can be more reserved. But when Sinnott talks with them about their interests, including football, they open up more, and she becomes their 'go-to' person to confide in and laugh with.

"When I start with a 'new' patient and family, I like to get to know them on a deeper level, truly get to know them outside of their diagnosis, what is it that they enjoyed doing before the hospital walls became their second, sometimes first new home," Sinnott said. "And I learned that so many patients, regardless of gender, enjoyed sports or some kind of organized group."

"When I find a sports team/player that patients like, I use the team to motivate them," she said. "A patient that comes to mind liked the USC Trojans football team. With extreme persistence, I was able to contact their head coach to send this patient a personalized motivational message. When I shared this message with the patient and family, it brought tears to their eyes."

Sinnott is excited to attend the Superbowl on Feb. 9 in New Orleans. She is also bringing her sister, Loren, to keep the legacy and love of football in her family.

"My dad would be so excited about this," she said. "Before he passed, our goal was to go to every stadium. So, when I went to the game in Vegas, I wore his jersey to bring him along with me. And I am going to continue doing that."

"I know if he were here with all of this going on, he would absolutely be losing his mind," Sinnott said. "It is definitely bitter-sweet. It's a fun celebration but tough because he's not here to live it with me."

"The NFL is in playoffs right now, so we aren't sure who will be playing yet," she said. "Unfortunately, it won't be the Steelers, as they were just eliminated from contention."

Sinnott will also attend EA Sports Madden Bowl, a concert headlined by Chris Stapleton, Jelly Roll, Shaboozy, and others.

"The Superbowl is a bucket list item for most people, and it is definitely one for me," she added. "I don't know too many details just yet, but I do know I will be attending NFL Honors, where the NFL Fan of the Year will be announced."

Sinnott is competing against each team's other NFL Fans of the Year. The NFL is still accepting votes, and you can vote for her at [www.nfl.com/honors/fan-of-the-year](http://www.nfl.com/honors/fan-of-the-year).



## Cerritos City Council Candidate Surti Holds Rally



**CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL** candidate Riaz Surti (center with dark jacket) at his campaign fundraiser at Picology in Cerritos Towne Center. Some of the attendees included Cerritos City Councilmember Frank Yokoyama (far left) and former Cerritos Mayor and upcoming March Cerritos City Council election candidate Mark Pulido (far right). Yokoyama and Pulido, along with Congressman Derek Tran (D-Cerritos) and several other prominent local elected politicians, are endorsing Surti.

## 'Lakewood Beautiful' Program Returns

LCCN Staff Report

Each year, the Lakewood Beautiful program honors residents who take extra care to keep their homes and yards looking great.

Studies show that home upkeep and beautification keeps crime rates low and property values healthy, thereby benefitting the whole community.

Submit a nomination form online, by phone or by email before 5 p.m. on Mar. 20.

There are four ways to honor your home or a neighbor's home in the Lakewood Beautiful program:

**Beautiful Home Award.** This is the city's most traditional award, which has honored hundreds of Lakewood homes. This award recognizes the front facing exterior and landscaping of a home, displaying exceptional care and pride of ownership.

**Jackie Rynerson "Transformation Award."** This honors homeowners who have remodeled the front-facing exterior and landscaping of their property within the

past three years. The rejuvenation need not have been expensive or elaborate, but something that improves or enhances the overall property. The bulk of the improvements must have been done or overseen by the current homeowner, not a prior homeowner. "Before" and "after" photos to demonstrate the transformation must be included (digital photos may be uploaded to the online nomination form). Homes being marketed for sale are not eligible. Jackie Rynerson, an original Lakewood resident and city council member from 1978 to 1990, created the original Lakewood Beautiful to inspire and honor Lakewood homeowners.

**Neat and Tidy Award.** This newest category was added to recognize homeowners who are consistent with maintaining their landscaping and a clean home exterior.

**Water-Wise Award.** This honors beautiful homes nominated in one of the first three categories that deserve extra recognition for landscaping that utilizes water-conserving irrigation devices and plantings.

## Cerritos Council Studying Security Upgrades at City Hall Properties

By Brian Hews

At its next meeting, the Cerritos City Council will discuss a 2024 budgeted project concerning "security equipment replacement for city facilities." The project, with its primary goal of enhancing the city's access control systems to buildings and upgrading burglary alarms and video monitoring systems, is designed to safeguard city property, protect residents and employees, and stop unauthorized access.

The project seeks to consolidate access systems using card access and multi factor authentication while upgrading security by installing video monitoring systems.

JMG Security Systems is the city's current provider of security services. The city will use JMG because transitioning to a new service provider would require significant time for the new company to become familiar with the current systems, potentially delaying the implementation of critical security enhancements.

The upgrades will include a Genetec [Genetec] Security Center Operating System at City Hall for \$91,000; a Genetec System at the Sheriff Station for \$69,000; a Genetec System at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts for \$28,000; a Genetec AutoVu Long Range LPR Reader for \$9,000 and a Genetec Omnicast Onsite Video Management System for \$76,000. Total project cost is \$272,000.

The City Council was quite aggressive in its cost for the system, budgeting over \$456,000 in 2024 for the project. With a cost of \$272,000, saving \$184,000. Maybe the city can allocate these savings to contract for another Cerritos Sheriff's Deputy?

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## Cerritos

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### Residential burglary

At the 17300 block of Maria Ave., near Frontier Park, a rear sliding door glass was shattered, the owner is still assessing [OSA] what was taken. At the 11300 block of Bos, off of Gridley and 195th, the rear sliding door was shattered, OSA. At the 12900 block of Oak Crest, near Frontier Park, a side window was shattered, and cash was taken. At the 13300 block of Holly Oak Circle, very near Cerritos Park East, a sliding door was shattered, OSA. At the 19000 block of Stefani Ave., off of South St., the rear sliding door was broken, and jewelry was taken. At the 19700 block of Nicholas Avenue, near Gridley Park, a rear sliding door was shattered, OSA. At the 13400 block of Rose Street, off Carmentita north of 183rd, the side window was shattered, OSA. At the 17800 block of Noran, just north of the 91 freeway, a rear sliding door was shattered, OSA.

### Grand Theft

The suspect got away with electronics at the 12000 block of Park Plaza Drive. In two thefts at the Los Cerritos Center, purses were taken from one business, and in another, clothing was taken. At the 11100 block of 183rd, near Plaza 183rd, cosmetics were taken from a business. At the 18800 block of Godhino, just over the back fence of Leal Elementary, a catalytic converter was removed from a car. At the 17700 block of Crusader, another catalytic converter was taken. At the 17000 block of Studebaker, still another catalytic converter was taken.

### Grand Theft Auto

Two thefts at the Los Cerritos Center: a Chevrolet Corvette was taken and not recovered, and a Lexus was taken and recovered. At the 16700 block of Norwalk, a KIA was taken and recovered. At the 10900 block of South St., a Chevrolet Silverado was taken and recovered.

### Vehicle Burglary

On Center Court Drive, electronics were taken from a truck. At the 18600 block of Bloomfield, inside Heritage Park, a Honda was broken into, and cash was taken. At the 12600 block of Artesia Blvd., at Artesia and Bloomfield, a jeep was broken into, and auto accessories were taken. At the 13200 block of South, near South and Carmenita, a Honda's window was shattered, and a purse was taken.

## La Mirada

January 13-19, 2025

### Notable Arrests

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

• One suspect was arrested for grand theft.

### Other Structure Burglary

• A burglary occurred on the 15500 block of La Mirada Blvd.

• An overnight burglary was reported on the 14600 block of Alondra Blvd.

### Vehicle Burglary

• A vehicle burglary was reported on the 14700 block of Firestone Blvd.

• A window smash vehicle burglary occurred on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.

### Grand Theft

• An evening theft occurred in the area of Bora Dr. and Marquardt Ave. One sus-

pect was arrested during the incident.

• A late-night theft was reported on the 14600 block of Alondra Blvd.

• A theft was reported on the 15800 block of Alicante Rd.

### Grand Theft Auto

• An attempted vehicle theft occurred on the 15200 block of Canary Ave.

• A trailer was reported stolen on the 15100 block of Northam St.

## Preventing Catalytic Converter Theft

### Park strategically

If you can, park in a secure garage with the exhaust pipe side of your car close to a wall. That makes it harder for a thief to reach the catalytic converter. If you have multiple vehicles, park the ones with lower ground clearance outside of the vehicles with higher ground clearance (like SUVs).

### Paint your converter

Use bright, high-heat car spray paint to deter someone from stealing your catalytic converter and alert resellers or authorities to a potentially stolen part.

### Add your VIN or a label system

Have your converter engraved with your car's VIN so it's easier to trace if it gets stolen and sold. If the converter is also brightly painted, the paint can prompt authorities to look for an engraved VIN or other identifier that leads them back to you. You can also purchase a catalytic converter label system to place on the part. These labels typically display a website that authorities or resellers can visit to find a stolen part's registered owner.

### Set your alarm

If you have a car alarm, set it to react to vibration. Catalytic converters are typically stolen using a saw, which may set off your alarm.

### Add a shield or lock

Some cars can be fitted with metal panels that act as a shield between the catalytic converter and the road, making it much harder to access. There are also catalytic converter locks that make it much harder or even impossible for someone to steal the part. You may need a mechanic to install these devices properly.

### Weld your converter in place

Bolted-in catalytic converters can be easier to steal than welded-in ones, so see if a mechanic can weld yours in place. Depending on the automaker, some catalytic converters are already welded on.

## Two Pico Rivera Residents Killed in Metrolink Crash ID'd

INDUSTRY – The Los Angeles County Medical Examiner's Office Tuesday identified two Pico Rivera residents killed in a crash involving a Metrolink train in Industry.

The victims were Pamela Gutierrez Guizar, 47, and Grecia Garcia Sofia, 19, who both died at the scene, according to the agency.

The crash occurred at 8 a.m. Thursday at Rose Hills Road and South Capitol Avenue, involving a Metrolink train and a white Toyota Camry, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Paramedics transported two other people with moderate injuries to a hospital, fire officials said.

Of the 200 people aboard the train, three reported pain, but it was unclear if they were among those taken to the hospital, according to the sheriff's Industry station.

The circumstances surrounding the crash remained under investigation.

## Whittier Union Senior Honored by Board of Trustees

### LCCN Staff Report

WHITTIER – La Serna High School senior Felipe Galvan is a natural leader known for building strong relationships with both students and staff alike while continually looking for ways to improve outcomes for his classmates, either as a member of La Serna's Puente Program, as an English language development (ELD) and Link Crew mentor, or as president of the school's Wellness Club.

Galvan has a passion for promoting social-emotional well-being for his classmates and has brought awareness to mental health by serving as an organizer and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Galvan, who boasts a 4.26 GPA and has completed 11 Advanced Placement and eight Honors classes, was recently recognized by the Whittier Union Board of Trustees with an Award of Merit, during the Jan. 14 Board meeting.

"I'd like to thank my family and friends, as they have always pushed me to be the best," Galvan said. "I'd like to also thank the amazing teachers, counselors, and staff who have guided me throughout high school and allowed me to achieve so much, especially Mrs. Kim Magdaleno for inspiring me to pursue a career in chemistry and biochemistry."

As an active and integral part of the Puente Program for four years, Galvan has capitalized on opportunities for academic and personal growth. He plays a key role in organizing fundraisers and events to support the program as a Puente cabinet member.

Galvan has served as an ELD mentor during summer break and during the regular school year in a biology-guided study class, where he successfully involved stu-



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dents in campus activities and advocated for their inclusivity in all campus functions. He has also made a mark in the arts, acting in two La Serna theater productions and enrolling in an advanced choir music class.

Galvan said his goal is to major in biochemistry on his way to a career as an analytical chemist. He has been accepted to San Francisco State University and is waiting to hear from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom and UC Santa Cruz.

"Felipe has been described by his teachers and peers as genuine, inclusive, respectful, and compassionate," La Serna Principal Griselda Castro said. "These qualities have made Felipe a standout leader and advocate for the community."

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### La Palma Approves Additional Funds for Medians



**MEDIAN WORK** in La Palma. The additional funds will cover the installation of a river rock bed and additional concrete “sleeves” between median islands. Improvement work includes Walker Street, between Orangethorpe Avenue and Bransford Drive and Moody Street, between Houston Avenue and Crescent Avenue.

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The La Palma City Council approved additional funding for the Various Median Island Project, slated for completion in February 2025, at its December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting.

The additional funds will cover the installation of a river rock bed, additional concrete “sleeves” between median islands, as well as contingency funds for unforeseen expenses that may arise during the final construction phase.

The delay in the project and subsequent funding reallocation, was due in part to a discrepancy in the project documents that addressed the purchase and installation of the river rock bed. Other issues arose during the project — which is common for large street projects — that were covered by the contingency budget authorized by the City when the contract was signed in early 2024.

Improvement work includes the following roadways:  
Walker Street, between Orangethorpe Avenue and Bransford Drive;  
Moody Street, between Houston Avenue and Crescent Avenue;  
La Palma Avenue, between Denni Street and Valley View Street.

### Save the Date: La Palma’s Festival of Nations

Celebrate La Palma’s rich cultural diversity at the Festival of Nations & Parade on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

This exciting community event promises a day of fun, entertainment, and cultural appreciation for all ages.



### A Message From La Palma Police Chief Joe Guerrero

I hope everyone had a safe, happy and healthy holiday season. I want to highlight the Police Interaction with Youth (PIY) program as this is the 18th year that the La Palma Police Department will be delivering the program to our three elementary schools.

PIY is a program designed to teach and empower our sixth graders to make the right choices, respect others, and chose to live their lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors. The program is also geared towards preparing students for their new lives as junior high school students where they will be faced with new obstacles and difficult decisions.

This 8-10 week program kicks off in the month of January and covers the following topics: Decision making and consequences, Home fire safety and wheel safety, Gangs, Bullying, Juvenile Law, Illegal drugs and resistance, Stress and peer pressure, and In-

ternet Safety .  
The program concludes with a panel discussion where several former eighth grade PIY graduates are invited to answer any questions the students have regarding their move to middle school. As a requirement before PIY graduation, each student is required to write an essay on how they will change the world using the topics that were covered in PIY. This is not an easy task as the students are instructed to think outside the box and come up with ideas on how they would change the world for the better. Our teachers also have a difficult task - to read each essay and select the top essay from each class. As PIY graduates, the students will have learned all the skills necessary to make good choices and how to avoid bad ones. We at the La Palma Police Department are very grateful to all the staff that work hard every year to make our PIY program a success.

I want to thank the community for their continued support and community involvement. We look forward to continuing our service in 2025. Happy New Year!

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## Elections Have Consequences

California has decided to abandon its groundbreaking regulations phasing out diesel trucks and requiring cleaner locomotives because the incoming Trump administration is unlikely to allow the state to implement them.

State officials have long considered the rules regulating diesel vehicles essential to cleaning up California's severe air pollution and combating climate change.

The withdrawal comes after Joe Biden's administration recently approved the California Air Resources Board's mandate phasing out new gas-powered cars by 2035, but had not yet approved other waivers for four diesel vehicle standards that the state has adopted.

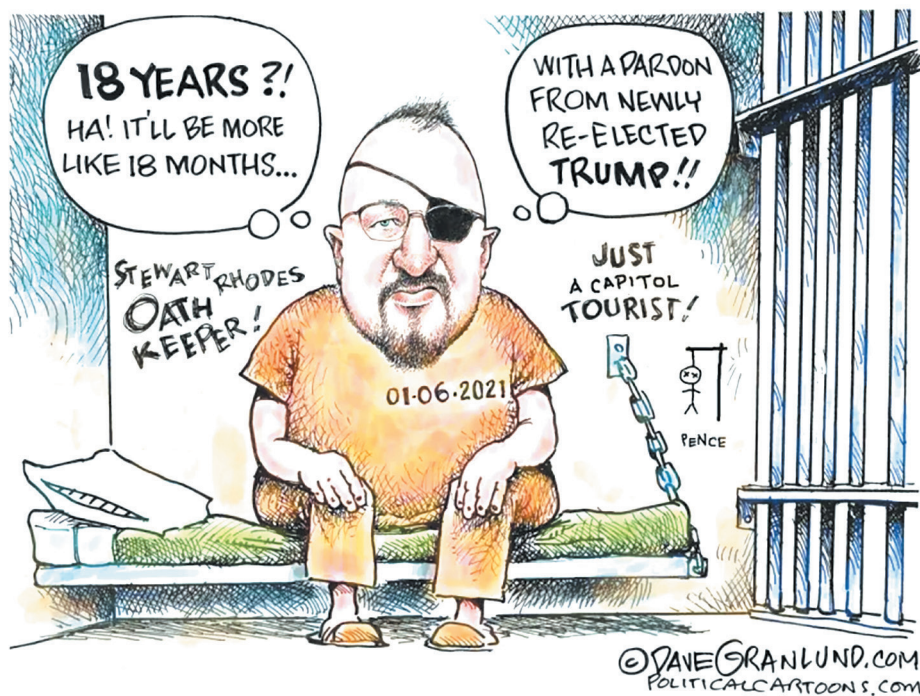
President-elect Donald Trump has threatened to revoke or challenge all zero-emission vehicle rules and California's other clean-air standards. By withdrawing its requests for U.S. Environmental Protec-

tion Agency approval, Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration is signaling a dramatic step back as the state recalibrates in anticipation of the new Trump era.

Environmentalists said the move puts communities at risk and dismantles key programs.

"To meet basic standards for healthy air, California has to shift to zero-emissions trucks and trains in the coming years. Diesel is one of the most dangerous kinds of air pollution for human health, and California's diesel problem is big enough to cast its own shadow," said Paul Cort, director of the group Earthjustice's Right To Zero campaign.

Trucking companies sued the state to stop the measure, saying electric and hydrogen big-rigs are not practical for long-haul uses and that it would destroy the state's economy.



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laws and catch criminal aliens—including murderers and rapists—who have illegally come into our country. Criminals will no longer be able to hide in America's schools and churches to avoid arrest," the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement Tuesday.

Under California law, school officials are not required to allow immigration agents to enter schools without a judicial warrant, according to recent guidance issued by California Attorney General Rob Bonta.

"It is disappointing, that President Trump, in his first days in office, is focusing his time and energy on making his inhumane and irresponsible mass deportation agenda a reality. My team is actively reviewing his executive orders, and we stand ready to defend the rights of Californians if we find that the President has in any way violated the law — starting with our lawsuit, filed today, challenging the President's unconstitutional executive order on birthright citizenship," Bonta said.

Debra Duardo, superintendent of schools for L.A. County stated, "In light of the new administration's action today to overturn the sensitive locations policy, I want to reassure our education community that the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) remains steadfastly committed to ensuring that every student, regardless of their immigration status, has access to a safe, secure and nurturing learning environment," said "The change to the policy does not overrule the student's constitutional right to an education. It also does not overrule state constitutional protections,"

Many school districts, including Los Angeles Unified and San Francisco Unified have reaffirmed "sanctuary resolutions" or sent letters to families in recent weeks, explaining their rights and sharing legal resources. A 1982 Supreme Court decision *Plyler v. Doe*, found that all children present

in the United States have a right to a public education, regardless of their immigration status or their parents' immigration status.

A spokesperson for Los Angeles Unified School District said the district has begun training all staff in how to respond if federal immigration officers show up at schools and will be distributing cards to students explaining their rights if approached by immigration agents.

"Los Angeles Unified School District is compelled by legal, professional, and moral obligations to protect rights of its students and employees, including privacy rights under FERPA, and state and federal constitutional rights, which include rights of all students to a free and public education," a district spokesperson wrote in an email. "School officials do not collect or share information about the immigration status of students and their families. Since 2017, LAUSD has had a policy to not voluntarily cooperate with immigration enforcement actions by federal agencies."

Teachers' unions also rejected the Trump administration's change.

"Jeff Freitas, president of the California Federation of Teachers, the state's second-largest teachers union, said in a statement, "Trump's first day in office showed us that he is exactly who he told us he would be. His first actions as president direct hate and aim to stoke fear in the hearts of immigrant families and our LGBTQIA+ community. We can't expect students to learn when they fear being separated from their parents, being bullied for being LGBTQIA+, or being treated differently based on the language they speak or the color of their skin."

"While we still hope to see Congress and our courts block these blatantly unconstitutional actions," Freitas continued, "we won't wait for them to act. Educators and school staff stand ready to fight back against every single action that stands to harm our members, our students, and our communities."

## A Guide to Surviving the Trump Presidency

By Dan Pfeiffer  
Pod Save America

Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States of America. For dinner, Trump headed off to a series of inaugural balls— including one paid for by Mark Zuckerberg.

After Monday, the Trump presidency will last another 1,460 days. Somehow, as a country and as individuals, we must figure out how to survive all of them. It won't be easy. Everything seems daunting, and the path back looks long and treacherous. I know many of you want to throw your phone into the nearest body of water.

While I can't promise you it will be easy it won't, I do have some thoughts on how we can all survive the Trump years together.

### 1. Trump's Win Was Not as Resounding as it Seems

Everyone is treating Donald Trump as if he just won in a Reagan-esque 49 state landslide. But Trump's win was not as resounding as he would have you believe. Yes, he made huge gains across the country. Yes, he became the second Republican since 1988 to win the popular vote. Yes, he made huge inroads in core parts of the Democratic coalition. But it's also true that Trump only won by 100,000 votes across three battleground states.

No, I don't say that to try to convince you that Democrats don't have a ton of work to do or to suggest that we did everything right during the campaign. Far from it. The Democratic Party needs to reevaluate how we do everything — our message, our strategy, our policy agenda, and our leadership. What we are doing is not working.

However, it's important to keep in mind that victory is closer than everyone wants you to believe. We can win if we do the work — and make the necessary changes. All is not lost.

### 2. Don't Follow Trump Down Every Rabbit Hole

We've been down this road before; we know that Donald Trump is going to flood the zone with so much sh\*\* that it will feel impossible to focus on his dangerous and damaging misdeeds. Even before being sworn in, Trump has floated using military force to take Greenland and the Panama Canal. He has mused about using economic sanctions and tariffs to force Canada to become the 51st state. He blamed the [Palisades and Easton] fires on smelt.

But we don't have to follow him down every rabbit hole. We don't have to react to every outrage. In this era, our attention is our most valuable resource. We don't have to give it to Donald Trump every time he demands.

### 3. Channel Your Anxiety into Action

Maybe, it seems exhausting after the campaign we just went through, but when you are ready, I highly recommend channeling your anger and anxiety into action.

There is no easy or obvious way to beat back the ascendant MAGA movement. The most impactful way to stop Trump is to take back the House in 2026.

If we do that, Trump will never pass another law without Democratic support again. Speaker Jefferies will control what comes to the floor. We will have enor-

mous leverage in budget negotiations and, as importantly, Democrats will have subpoena power to investigate the rampant corruption and criminality that will almost certainly be pulsating throughout the Trump Administration.

Retaking the House is very much within our reach. The GOP currently has one of the narrowest margins in history. If a mere 7000 votes across three districts had gone the other way, Hakeem Jeffries would be Speaker of the House right now. Because of the nature of our Trump-era coalition, Democrats tend to overperform in midterm elections, which have significantly lower turnout. With the notable exception of 2022, the first midterm for a new President is usually very good for the opposition.

### 3. Support Pro-Democracy Media

Trump and the Republicans won the election largely because they won the information wars. They understood better than the Democrats how the media environment has changed radically since 2020. Trump leveraged podcasters, TikTok influencers, and prominent YouTubers to get his message to the key swath of voters that don't consume legacy media. His advertising team even targeted individual voters with tailored messaging on streaming platforms.

Republicans had a major structural advantage. They have spent decades and billions of dollars investing in a Right Wing messaging machine.

Democrats have to catch up quickly. Democrats need to a better job of supporting our own media ecosystem. This effort must start with Democratic officials who must view progressive media and content creators as their allies. They need to go on our shows to make news and not save the good stuff for declining cable audiences. Donors need to invest as much in media and content as they do in paid advertising.

### 4. Don't Give Up Hope

I was around back in 2004 when Democrats lost a winnable election to a woefully underqualified candidate with little regard for people's civil rights. Like Trump, George W. Bush made gains with core Democratic constituencies. Like now, pundits were talking about an emerging Republican majority that could dominate politics for decades on end. And just like in this moment, the Democratic Party seemed to enfeebled to mount the necessary comeback. But two years after that devastating election, Democrats retook the House and Senate. Four years afterward, Barack Obama won a huge landslide victory.

Such an outcome is not a foregone conclusion. It will take real work and hard decisions. But none it will be possible, if we give up hope. As always when it comes to hope, I turn to my old boss [Obama]. This quote from his 2008 Iowa Caucus victory speech speaks to the moment in which we find ourselves.

Hope is not blind optimism. It's not ignoring the enormity of the task ahead or the roadblocks that stand in our path. It's not sitting on the sidelines or shirking from a fight. Hope is that thing inside us that insists, despite all evidence to the contrary, that something better awaits us if we have the courage to reach for it, and to work for it, and to fight for it.

Let's go fight for it.

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# Trump and Project 2025 Proposes Eliminating Aid for Families and Businesses Rebuilding After Fires

Project 2025 proposes, on page 750, an “end to SBA direct lending disaster loan program.” There is also a FEMA increase that will make it harder to qualify for federal aid.

In the devastating aftermath of the Los Angeles fires, California is tasked with the difficult work of rebuilding homes, businesses, and lives.

Federal agencies play a critical role in providing swift support to these families and businesses reckoning with extreme events.

One such resource is the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) disaster loan program—the federal government’s largest source of disaster recovery funds for survivors, which provides low-interest direct loans to small-business owners and households who need to repair and rebuild their properties.

Angelino’s are seeing it all over the TV; FEMA and SBA officials comforting those who lost their homes and businesses, helping them fill out paperwork so they can start rebuilding their lives

Yet Project 2025—the far-right road map that would gut the country’s nearly 250-year-old system of checks and balances—proposes, on page 750, an “end to SBA direct lending disaster loan program.”

Project 2025 suggests... wait for it... privatization.

The proposal by Project 2025 would force families and businesses facing some of the hardest moments of their lives—including those in Los Angeles—to bear even more of the costs associated with natural disasters.

Project 2025 would leave American families and small businesses with fewer tools and resources to rebuild their lives.

Eligibility for many disaster recovery resources and aid from the federal government, including the SBA’s disaster loan program, hinge on federal disaster declarations. Since 1980, the number of disaster declarations has steadily increased.

From 1980 to 1989, the federal government declared 286 disasters, whereas in the past 10 years—from 2014 to 2023—that number more than quadrupled to 1,267, an increase of 443 percent.

Yet in its section on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Project 2025 proposes FEMA increase the threshold for disaster declarations, thereby making it more difficult for states and localities—and, by extension, the families and businesses—to qualify for federal aid after disaster strikes.

The SBA’s disaster loan program and FEMA is an increasingly relevant resource as climate change makes extreme weather events not only more common but also



**WOULD BE CUT OFF:** Project 2025 would cut off SBA disaster funds for homeowners and businesses to rebuild and proposes FEMA increase the threshold for disaster declarations, thereby making it more difficult for states and localities—and, by extension, the families and businesses—to qualify for federal aid after disaster strikes.

more intense and more costly.

The National Centers for Environmental Information estimates that since 1980, there have been 391 confirmed extreme weather and disaster events where losses reached at least \$1 billion, an average of 8.7 costly storms each year. But in the past five years, that average has more than doubled to 20.4. And a new record was set in 2023, with 28 storms reaching the billion-dollar mark.

Yet, *according to Project 2025’s own*

*analysis*, 90 percent of this disaster aid goes to homeowners, as opposed to small businesses. So the program that 2025 wants to cut not only helps local economies bounce back, but the loans play an even more critical role in helping individuals and families begin the long road to recovery.

The program serves every state in the country, but those in areas facing intensifying climate risks are more likely to rely on this assistance to rebuild. Since 2017, three Republican states on the Gulf Coast—Florida, Texas, and Louisiana—consistently benefited the most in terms of number of disaster loans. In total, the trio of states had the highest number of loans approved and received the most aid. In every year, one of these three states topped the list for most aid received.

However, loans also go to families and businesses facing disasters that get far less national attention. In 2024 alone, loans were made available to Michiganders in Kalamazoo and other neighboring counties after an EF2 tornado struck on May 7. Some residents in South Carolina were also eligible for loans after a thunderstorm with winds as high as 80 mph struck Berkeley and neighboring counties on June 10.

No one can stop disasters like California wildfires or hurricanes from striking, but we can expect our government to be prepared to act swiftly and efficiently when they do—especially as these tragedies become more common and more devastating due to climate change.

Instead, the far-right architects of Project 2025 would abandon American families and small businesses in a time of crisis, leaving them with fewer tools and resources to rebuild their lives.

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## Kid and Pet Friendly Indoor Gardening

**BY MELINDA MYERS**

Creating an indoor oasis of greenery can help lift your spirits, reduce stress and improve your overall wellbeing.

Challenges arise when growing indoor plants with kids and pets in the house. Keep them safe by selecting pet- and kid-safe plants and pest management strategies.

Increase your indoor gardening success by selecting plants suited to your home's growing conditions and gardening style.

If you tend to overwater your plants, grow moisture-loving plants or opt for more drought-tolerant plants if you practice benign neglect.

Once you have your list, double-check their people and pet toxicity. Consult with your veterinarian and visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) website for a list of pet-safe and toxic plants.

Consult with your pediatrician, local botanical garden, and children's hospital for a list of kid-friendly indoor plants.

Keep an ongoing list of all the plants you are growing. Include both common and botanical names for accurate identification. Research the care they need and their toxicity to your pets and youngsters in the home.

If you suspect your pet or child has ingested a toxic plant, you'll have the proper plant name when contacting your veterinarian or poison control center.

Display any toxic plants out of the reach of curious kids and pets. This

can be challenging if your cat or child is skilled at jumping and climbing. With so many beautiful houseplants, play it safe and avoid those that are toxic or too tempting.

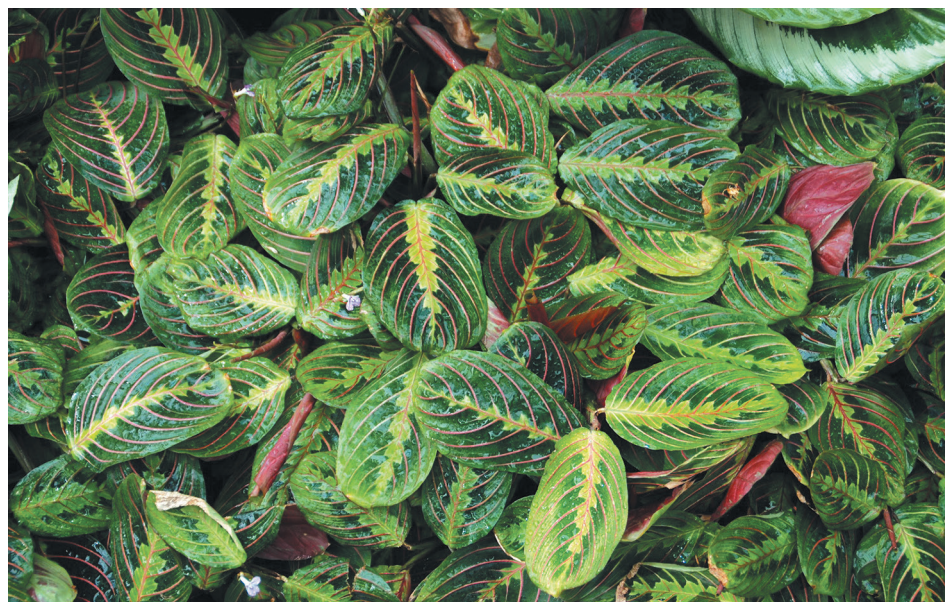
Secure plants against accidental tipping by inquisitive pets and kids with mounting putty. A couple of pieces on the bottom of the pot will help reduce the risk of spilled plants and soil. Invest in pots with wider bases for floor plants or secure several pots together to reduce the risk of tipping.

Cover the soil surface to prevent children and pets from digging. Fiber mulch and plant pot grid covers create a barrier between the soil and those who like to dig.

Once you narrow down the list, place your kid- and pet-friendly plants where they will receive the necessary amount of sunlight.

An east- or west-facing window provides enough light for most indoor plants. Keep those that need brighter light within two feet of the window. Those that prefer lower light can be grown near a north-facing window or up to six feet back or off to the side of an east- or west-facing window.

Regularly groom and wipe dust off the leaves of your indoor plants to help reduce the risk of insect damage. Remove spotted leaves when they appear and adjust your watering. This is often enough to correct fungal disease problems. Enlist children in the ongoing care of your indoor plants. This will help them gain respect for the plants and may



**INCREASE YOUR INDOOR** gardening success by selecting plants suited to your home's growing conditions and style. If you tend to overwater, grow moisture-loving plants or opt for more drought-tolerant plants if you practice benign neglect.

instill a love of gardening.

Give kids a hand lens and go on an indoor pest hunt. Children often find bugs more interesting than plants. Have them place yellow sticky traps like Summitâ Sticky Traps in various pots to help monitor and trap insect pests.

Always look for kid- and pet-friendly options when intervention is needed. Start with a strong blast of water to dislodge pests like aphids and mites. Follow with an application of a lightweight horticulture oil like Summitâ Year-Roundâ Spray Oil. This organic spray controls aphids, mites, immature whiteflies, and all stages of scale and mealybugs. And if those tiny fruit-fly-like gnats are too annoying to tolerate, consider managing them with a *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* product like Summitâ Mosquito Bitsâ (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com). It's labeled for controlling fungus gnat larvae and is non-toxic for people,

pets, and plants.

Always read and follow label directions when using any product. You'll have better results and prevent problems caused by misapplication.

Proper plant selection and ongoing care will help keep your indoor plants healthy and children and pets safe from harm.

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**A**fter a series of delays due to the Los Angeles-area fires, the 97th Oscar nominations presentation took place Thursday morning. Rachel Sennott and Bowen Yang announced all 23 categories live from the Academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills, California. Leading the pack is "Emilia Pérez" with 13 nominations, followed by "The Brutalist" and "Wicked" with 10 each. "Emilia Pérez" also sets the record for most nominations for a non-English language film at 13. The film's star, Karla Sofia Gascón, has also become the first openly trans actor nominated for an Oscar.

The 97th Academy Awards, hosted by Conan O'Brien, will air on ABC on Sunday, March 2, live from the Dolby Theatre at Ovation Hollywood. This will be his first time hosting the award show.

### BEST PICTURE

- "Anora"
- "The Brutalist"
- "A Complete Unknown"
- "Conclave"
- "Dune: Part Two"
- "Emilia Pérez"
- "I'm Still Here"
- "Nickel Boys"
- "The Substance"
- "Wicked"

### ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

- Adrien Brody in "The Brutalist"
- Timothée Chalamet in "A Complete

- Unknown"
- Colman Domingo in "Sing Sing"
- Ralph Fiennes in "Conclave"
- Sebastian Stan in "The Apprentice"

### ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

- Cynthia Erivo in "Wicked"
- Karla Sofia Gascón in "Emilia Pérez"
- Mikey Madison in "Anora"
- Demi Moore in "The Substance"
- Fernanda Torres in "I'm Still Here"

### BEST DIRECTOR

- "Anora" - Sean Baker
- "The Brutalist" - Brady Corbet
- "A Complete Unknown" - James Mangold
- "Emilia Pérez" - Jacques Audiard
- "The Substance" - Coralie Fargeat

### ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

- Yura Borisov in "Anora"
- Kieran Culkin in "A Real Pain"
- Edward Norton in "A Complete Unknown"
- Guy Pearce in "The Brutalist"
- Jeremy Strong in "The Apprentice"

### COSTUME DESIGN

- "A Complete Unknown" - Arienne Phillips
- "Conclave" - Lisy Cristl
- "Gladiator II" - Janty Yates and David Crossman
- "Nosferatu" - Linda Muir
- "Wicked" - Paul Tazewell

### MAKEUP AND HAIRSTYLING

- "A Different Man" - Mike Marino, David Presto and Crystal Jurado
- "Emilia Pérez" - Julia Floch Carbonel, Emmanuel Janvier and Jean-Cristophe Spadaccini
- "Nosferatu" - David White, Traci Loader and Suzanne Stokes-Munton
- "The Substance" - Pierre-Olivier Persin, Stéphanie Guillon and Marilyne Scarselli
- "Wicked" - Frances Hannon, Laura Blount and Sarah Nuth

### ORIGINAL SCORE

- "The Brutalist" - Daniel Blumberg
- "Conclave" - Volker Bertelmann
- "Emilia Pérez" - Clément Ducol and Camille
- "Wicked" - John Powell and Stephen Schwartz
- "The Wild Robot" - Kris Bowers

### LIVE ACTION SHORT

- "A Lien" - Sam Cutler-Kreutz and David Cutler-Kreutz
- "Anuja" - Adam J. Graves and Suchitra Mattai
- "I'm Not a Robot" - Victoria Warmerdam and Trent
- "The Last Ranger" - Cindy Lee and Darwin Shaw
- "The Man Who Could Not Remain Silent" - Nebojsa Slijepcevic and Daniel Pek

### ANIMATED SHORT

- "Beautiful Men" - Nicolas

- Keppens and Brecht Van Elslande
- "In The Shadow of the Cypress" - Shirin Sohani and Hossein Molayemi
- "Magic Candies" - Daisuke Nishio and Takashi Washio
- "Wander to Wonder" - Nina Gantz and Stienette Bosklopper
- "Yuck!" - Loic Espuche and Juliette Marquet

### ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

- "A Complete Unknown" - screenplay by James Mangold and Jay Cocks
- "Conclave" - screenplay by Peter Straughan
- "Emilia Pérez" - screenplay by Jacques Audiard; in collaboration with Thomas Bidegain, Lea Mysius and Nicolas Livechi
- "Nickel Boys" - screenplay by RaMell Ross and Joslyn Barnes
- "Sing Sing" - screenplay by Greg Kwedar and Clint Bentley; story by Clint Bentley, Greg Kwedar, Clarence Maclin, John "Divine G" Whitfield

### ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

- "Anora" - written by Sean Baker
- "The Brutalist" - written by Brady Corbet and Mona Fastvold
- "A Real Pain" - written by Jesse Eisenberg
- "September 5" - written by Moritz Binder, Tim Fehlbaum; co-written by Alex David
- "The Substance" - written by Coralie Fargeat



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**MID-CITIES LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Castellanos, Sanchez Power Norwalk to Significant Win Over Last Place Paramount**



shooting three of 14 during that stretch. And when the first quarter had ended, the Lancers were up by eight points but were true on five of 18 field goals. Three of them came from Castellanos, who was already up to nine points.

Norwalk would increase the lead to 14 points with 3:57 left in the half on an offensive putback from senior Diego Morales and 90 seconds later, Norwalk would own the first of its four 16-point leads of the game. He would contribute to the second 16-point lead with 1:11 left in the half when he was fouled by Mario Cervantes Gutierrez, who was also called for a technical foul. Castellanos hit three of the ensuing four free throws and after a late basket from Kalani Tran, Norwalk was up 34-20 at the half.

Paramount (3-18, 0-5) began the second half with a little bit more urgency, going on a 9-3 lead in the first 3:34 with Ezekiel Rocha scoring half a dozen points. But then Norwalk scored the next eight points to lead 45-29, the third time it would have a 16-point lead. It would still be in control early in the fourth quarter when a free throw from junior David Zazueta made it a 50-36 contest.

However, the Lancers would connect on one of their first sev-

en field goals in the stanza while the Pirates chipped away at their deficit, cutting it down to 52-45 with 4:35 left in the game on a free throw from Deon Anthony.

Castellanos would pace Norwalk with 26 points, eight rebounds and three steals while Sanchez had 16 rebounds and 15 points. His offensive putback with three minutes left to play would be the second of three field goals the team would get in the quarter. Of his 16 boards, 10 came on the offensive end with four resulting in baskets. For Castellanos, it's the second straight game with 26 points and his seventh game this season of at least 21 points.

Norwalk grabbed 51 rebounds with nine of the 10 players who saw action getting at least one. Zazueta added seven rebounds and five points while Morales had six rebounds. Still, Webster wished the team could do better in that category.

"Those guys have a nose for the ball and in desperate times, they really go after it," said Webster of Castellanos and Sanchez. "It helps when they're being aggressive offensively and defensively. [Castellanos] seems to do what we need. Whatever he needs to do, he'll make it happen."

Nothing has come easy for the Lancers in the five league

games so far. They beat fifth place Firebaugh High by two points on the road, lost to second place Downey High by four points and league-leading Bellflower High by six points before getting past fourth place Warren High by six points.

"Going into it, who knows what was going to happen," said Webster. "But I think the league is pretty balanced and we're finding a way to be in games, and then maybe we'll be on top."

After opening the second round of league play with Firebaugh, the Lancers will go to Downey on Friday before entertaining Bellflower on Wednesday in their final home game of the regular season. The 14 victories are the most for the program since the 2019-2020 season when that team went 18-12 and got to the quarterfinals and Norwalk has not finished in second place in any league since the 2009-2010 season.

"We knew we would have to get one of those teams, but every game is going to be tough," said Webster. "Winning three games [in league] is a huge achievement at this point, and being in third place right now is where we want to be. So, we did what we needed to do."

**By Loren Kopff**  
**@LorenKopff on X**

The script was set for the Norwalk High boys basketball team when it hosted Paramount High last Friday at John Glenn High, its temporary home this season. The Lancers were wrapping up the first round of Mid-Cities League action against the last place Pirates, looking to remain in third place while at the same time, become at worst, eligible for an at-large berth in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs with their 14th win.

Norwalk never trailed but it wasn't as crisp of a game as head coach Jim Webster would

have liked as the Lancers nearly blew a 16-point lead late in the game. But senior Andruw Castellanos and junior Jesus Sanchez powered the purple and yellow to a 57-47 win for the program's ninth straight win over the Pirates dating back to 2014.

"It seems like we weren't able to take advantage early where we had some easy shots," said Webster. "We were holding them to nothing, and then we couldn't make our easy shots and drives to really take advantage of the first quarter and really put them away."

While Norwalk (14-8, 3-2) scored the first eight points of the game, it began the game

**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

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

**IN A DREAM STATE**

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**Solution on page 15** **Solution: 6 letters**

**605 LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL**

**John Glenn Starts Off Slow Against Oxford Academy in Battle of Winless 605 League Squads**

**By Loren Kopff**  
**@LorenKopff on X**

When John Glenn High hosted Oxford Academy this past Monday, someone was going to leave the gymnasium with its first 605 League win to close out the first round of league action. And although the game was miles apart from the first four league games in which Glenn was outscored by an average of 54 points, the Eagles couldn't recover from a mistake-filled opening quarter.

Glenn turned the ball over 10 times, had just as many rebounds and saw the Patriots go on a 16-3 run over the last 4:02 of the stanza en route to a 68-42 victory. After the first quarter, Glenn turned the ball over 10 times and had 34 rebounds.

"I would say the beginning of the game was slow," said Glenn first-year head coach David Dunbar. "We were there, but I will say we had a lot of mistakes from inbounding the ball where our guys weren't running to their spots. Instead of calling a timeout and wasting our timeouts, I think [our plyers] were frantic and scared to throw the ball."

Dunbar is Glenn's third head coach in as many seasons and fourth in the last five as the program has now had a dozen head coaches since the 1998-1999 season.

The Eagles trailed 6-2 before junior Bundana Adams, one of three players coming back from last season's 12-16 team, scored twice within 40 seconds, the second off his only steal, to tie the game. That would be the team's last field goal until junior Jonathan Lara's basket with 91 seconds left in the quarter made it 17-9.

The scoring drought continued in the second quarter as Justin Yoo added consecu-

tive baskets in a span of 16 seconds to make it 26-9 before senior Caiden Recinos hit a three-pointer with 5:06 left in the half, making it 26-12. The Eagles wouldn't get closer than 14 points the remainder of the way as Adams, Lara and Recinos were the only offense the Eagles had in the half and accounted for all but two points when the game had concluded.

Although Glenn (8-8, 0-5) trailed 39-17 at the half, it played better in the second half, going on runs of 5-3 early in the third quarter and 10-6 over the last 3:44 of the stanza. The Eagles would then score all 10 of its fourth quarter points in a span of 3:06, going from a 56-32 contest to 61-42. But they missed all four field goals they attempted over the final 3:11 of the game.

"Coming into the game, I told them not to worry so much about the score or the press," said Dunbar. "I just told them to play their game, and everything will come full circle. Now granted, we had some minor mistakes, and I just told them at halftime we're still in the game. There's nothing to get mad at; there's nothing to be frustrated about, whether the calls go our way or another way. With that being said, and a few words of encouragement, they were able to turn the second half around even though we didn't get the win. But it felt like a win because they progressed in a better way than they did in the first half."

Adams scored a game-high 22 points on seven of 21 shooting from the field and made seven pf 12 free throws. He also pulled down eight rebounds while Recinos scored 11 points with five rebounds and Lara add-

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**MID-CITIES LEAGUE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Medrano's Career Night Helps La Mirada Rout Depleted Norwalk, Remain Tied For First Place**

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on X

Almost three minutes into La Mirada High's game against Norwalk High, senior Hailey Medrano grabbed the second of her four offensive rebounds, took a few steps back and launched a three-pointer. From that point on it would only get better for Medrano and the league-leading Matadores.

Medrano, who had never scored more than 14 points in her high school career, doubled that performance against an injury-riddled Norwalk squad, sans two of its top three scorers. Medrano was eight of 16 from three-point territory, one of four from two-point range, hit a pair of free throws and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds as the Matadores had their way with the Lancers in a 68-17 win last Friday night at John Glenn High. The win kept La Mirada tied for first place in the Mid-Cities League with Warren High.

"She was feeling good in warmups, so she was making a lot of the shots; I could tell," said La Mirada head coach Victoria Luong. "It was just a matter of

getting open. But this season, she has really stepped up and putting more confidence in her shooting. In the past, she had the shot, but she was more timid. So this season, she has been stepping up."

Medrano admitted it took her a while to get into her rhythm, but when she did, there was no stopping her, or the Matadores who posted their widest margin of victory over the Lancers in the past 54 meetings.

"Honestly, my mindset was to just get the win," said Medrano. "We want to be league champions this year, so we have to do what we have to do. I'm just concentrated to set up my teammates and getting my best shot."

"It's tough," said Norwalk head coach Ashley Baclaan. "We lost a couple of key players, [and] we truly are young this year. But the girls are battling as hard as they can."

After both teams combined for three turnovers within the first 30 seconds or so, a steal and basket from sophomore Jordyn Shaw opened the scoring

and the Matadores went wire to wire from that point on. Once freshman Connie Esquivail got Norwalk on the board just past the half-

and getting into [the game] too late...we're 21 games in and it's still the same thing. Luckily for us we were able to pick it back up and get to a rolling start."

The Matadores (11-10, 4-1) led 14-4 after the opening quarter and any chances of the Lancers bouncing back were immediately squashed in the first three and a half minutes of the second quarter when Medrano nailed three straight baskets from beyond the arc. That streak was snapped with Esquivail's second basket from the stanza before Medrano converted on a three-point play, then hit another three-pointer to make it 29-8 with 1:44 left in the half.

La Mirada, which held a 36-10 lead at the half, went on second half runs of 15-2, 7-2 and 9-1 with Medrano scoring four of her 28 points during that time.

"She's been a big three-point shooter all season and tonight, she was just on fire," said Luong. "I just let her be and there was one play where she had the lane wide open and she dribbled out to the three-point line, turns

around and shoots. Normally, I would be mad for a play like that because you're already under the basket. But she was just hot tonight, so we took advantage of that."

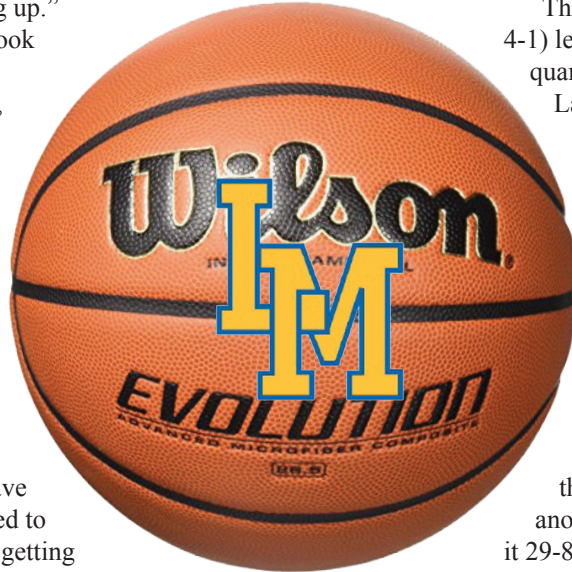
"She was doing a great job of hitting her shots," said Baclaan. "We were slow in our defensive rotations and getting to the ball."

Norwalk (7-10, 2-3) never scored in succession as Esquivail scored 14 points, had five rebounds and two steals. Seniors Anahi Rodriguez and Celine Zavala each added half a dozen rebounds as the Lancers have been limited to under 20 points for two straight games after scoring at least 33 points in nine of the last 10 games.

"I think [the morale] is still good," said Baclaan. "It's just we have to grow; we have to learn a lot. We have a lot of young players, but I think they're still very much well-together."

Norwalk has bounced back from a 1-5 start to get to within a game of .500 four times before the current two-game skid. However, junior Katelyn Moreno, who has scored 178

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mark, Medrano's second perimeter shot, and another Shaw steal and basket made it 12-2.

"Unfortunately, that's just the way these girls work," said Luong of the slow start. "In the last couple of games, we've had double digit turnovers probably in the first quarter. So, just not getting into the groove of things

**NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW**

**Whitney Girls Basketball Remain in Control of 605 League With Big Second Round Victory**

By Loren Kopff  
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The Whitney High girls basketball team is four games away from doing something it has never done as members of the 605 League-win all 10 games without a loss. The Wildcats moved one step closer of that goal by dismantling Cerritos High 51-31 this past Wednesday on the road.

While Whitney never trailed, the game was tied four times within the first six minutes before sophomore Alyssa So's basket with 1:52 remaining in the stanza gave the 'Cats a 10-8 lead. Following a free throw from Cerritos sophomore Kalana Nguyen, Whitney (17-7, 6-0) went on a 12-2 run highlighted by consecutive offensive putbacks from senior Rachel Moyher, then a three-point play from senior Haylie Wang. The visitors would end the half on an 8-2 run to lead by 15 at the break.

While Cerritos (8-15, 3-3) tried to make a run in the second half, scoring seven straight points on a three-pointer from junior Cameron Lacorte and baskets from senior Ambar Multani, Whitney regained its 15-point lead by going on an 8-3 run over the final 2:37 of the third quarter. But after Cerritos junior Mady Macaraeg opened the fourth quarter with a basket 17 seconds in, the Wildcats reeled off nine straight points before Macaraeg scored the final points of the game with 1:10 remaining.

Wang led everyone with 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds while Moyher added 13 points

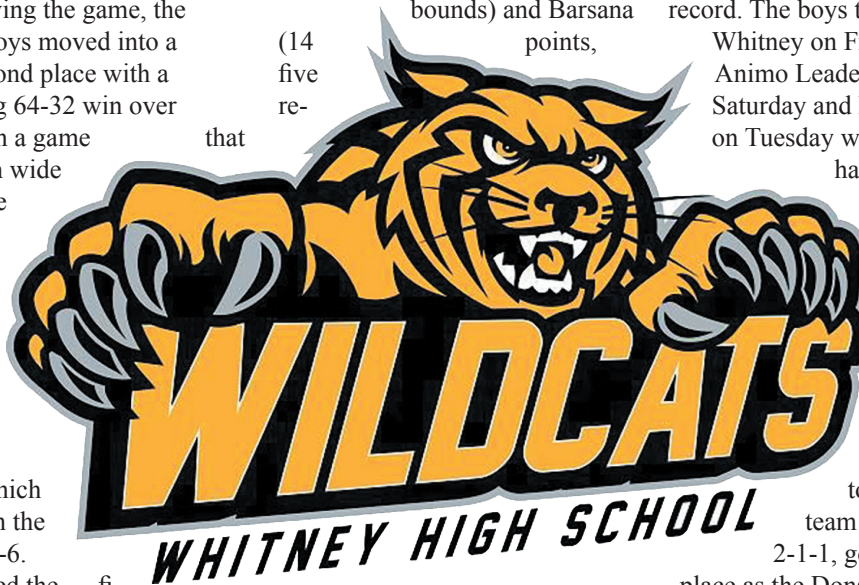
and 14 rebounds, four assists and three steals. So had nine points, seven coming in the second half, and junior Tina Namaranian came off the bench to provide eight points, three rebounds and two steals.

Following the game, the Cerritos boys moved into a tie for second place with a resounding 64-32 win over Whitney in a game that was blown wide open in the second half. Both teams struggled to score in the first quarter, which ended with the Dons up 8-6. They scored the fi-

nal six points of the quarter, then senior Nathan Ju and junior Taylor Huang began the second quarter with consecutive baskets as Cerritos (10-13, 4-2) began to pull away.

Whitney struggled to find its groove in the half as senior Morgan Marks accounted for all but three points before halftime. Any chance of the Wildcats getting back in the game were foined in the first 90 seconds of the second half a three-pointer and a two-pointer from senior Jaden Ribac and a trifecta from senior Jaylen Barsan opened the lead to 28-12. Whitney (11-13, 4-2) was outscored 22-14 in the third quarter, then watched the Dons score the first seven points of the fourth quarter and the last dozen

points of the game. Marks scored 17 points, had eight rebounds and three assists while senior Peter Poitras pitched in with 10 points. Cerritos was led by senior Benson Cho (17 points, eight rebounds) and Barsana (14 five re-



bounds) as the Dons avenged an earlier 61-58 loss to Whitney in the league opener.

Both Cerritos teams will visit Pioneer High on Friday before hosting Artesia High on Tuesday while both Whitney teams will entertain Artesia on Friday and John Glenn High on Tuesday.

In other 605 League action with playoff implications at stake as the second round of league action began this past Wednesday, Artesia's boys basketball team is in the best shape to get one of the three automatic berths to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. The Pioneers entered this past Wednesday's home game with Oxford Academy at 14-6 overall and undefeated in five league games. After facing Whitney,

they will face Loyola High on Saturday before their meeting with Cerritos.

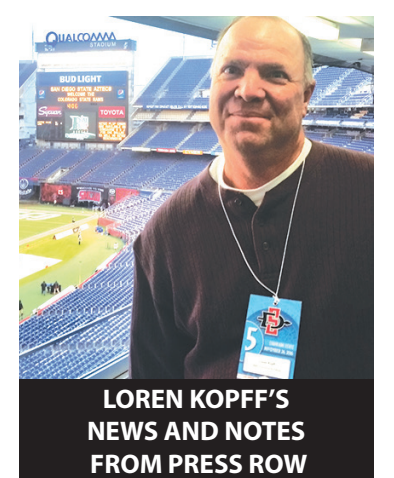
Both Artesia soccer teams were in first place with the boys sitting at 12-2-4, 3-0-1 and the girls sporting a 12-2-3, 3-0-1 record. The boys team will host Whitney on Friday, visit Animo Leadership High on Saturday and host Cerritos on Tuesday while the girls have a road game against Cerritos on Tuesday as its only scheduled game for the next week.

The Cerritos boys soccer team was 6-2-3, 2-1-1, good for second place as the Dons will host Pioneer on Friday while the girls (3-9-0, 1-1-0) were in third place as they will visit Pioneer on Friday and is scheduled to host Canyon High on Thursday.

The Glenn boys soccer team was in third place with a record of 10-5-2, 3-2-0 as the Eagles will host last place Oxford Academy on Friday and Whiney on Tuesday.

It must be noted that all 605 League games scheduled for Jan. 10 will probably be made up before the end of the regular season. Those matchups would be Artesia boys at Whitney and Cerritos against Pioneer with the girls hosting the Titans and the boys on the road.

GATEWAY LEAGUE  
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**LOREN KOPFF'S NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW**

schools continues to be the La Mirada High boys basketball squad as the Matadores (19-4, 3-0) will host third place Lynwood High on Friday for their only game in the next seven days.

The Gahr High boys basketball team, which hosted La Mirada this past Wednesday and will visit Marquez High on Saturday in a non-league tilt before travelling to second place Mayfair High on Wednesday. The Gladiators (10-11, 1-2) are tied for third place with Lynwood.

The Gahr girls basketball team (13-7, 2-2) hosted second place Paramount High this past Wednesday and will travel to Venice High on Friday in a non-league contest before going to last place Mayfair on Wednesday.

The La Mirada girls soccer team (7-6-3, 2-1-1) is sitting in second place as it will went to Paramount on Jan. 23 and will host Warren High on Tuesday.

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The Norwalk High boys bas-

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ed 15 rebounds with seven points. Senior Kuntigi Adams was also strong on the glass with nine boards.

Glenn, which is trying to stay competitive both in league and out of league, won seven of its first 10 games but has found the league obviously tougher than the competition it faced in November and December. The Eagles will face Oxford Academy again on Friday, this time on the road, before going to Whitney High on Tuesday.

"It's a great experience," said Dunbar of his first season at Glenn. "Coming from the background of playing college basketball...establishing what I've learned in college and in high school from any coach I've played for and be able to show that to the kids here and them understand what it's like to play at the next level.

"It's fun; I really can't say nothing too bad," he continued. "It's fun being a first-time coach. You never know what to expect; you never know what the game level is going to be."

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points, injured her calf against Warren two days prior to the La Mirada contest. Baclaan said it's unsure if she'll return this season. Junior Monica Ruiz, with 106 points went down with a knee injury in the second half against El Modena High on Dec. 18 and is lost for the remainder of the season. Esquivel, who now has 140 points, will be called upon to help keep the Lancers, who suited eight players against the Matadores, in the hunt for a playoff spot. The remainder of the team has combined to score 186 points.

"That's a freshman I'm excited to see grow and be able to handle and carry a team," Baclaan said of Esquivel. "So, it's good."

Norwalk will go to Dominguez High on Friday and face Glenn on Monday in a non-league tilt before welcoming Bellflower High on Wednesday.

"I was shocked when I saw the roster that they had eight players," said Luong. "I didn't look closely at who was out, but I told our girls [they] had to go in and play hard. We never know what to expect as far as who is going to show.

"Last season, we had an amazing season, but towards the end of league, our key player was out, and that was proof that you never know who's going to be injured or who's going to be sick," she continued. "You never know."

Shaw scored 17 points, had four steals and three rebounds while senior Jael Arreguin added 15 points, five steals and three rebounds. All 10 La Mirada players attempted at least one of the 57 shots

from the field and had at least one of the 33 rebounds the Matadores had. The team also had 15 steals as the Lancers turned the ball over 28 times. La Mirada will host Firebaugh High on Friday and travel to Warren on Wednesday in a game that could decide the league title.

"I came into league figuring Norwalk and Warren would be our top contenders," said Luong. "I didn't think Dominguez would step up as big as they have been. So right now, we're just prepping for round two and really get that win against Dominguez and Warren in the second round."

"They set up all of us and they want everyone to score; they don't want to fall short to anyone," said Medrano of the other four starters. "They're really good teammates and personally, they make us improve more and help us with our driving [to the basket] and rebounding.

"We've been having a really good season," she later said. "We fell short to Warren, but this year we really want to win league." Entering the game, Norwalk had won eight of the last nine games with La Mirada and 13 of the last 16 meetings with its former Suburban League rivals. The 51-point loss is the worst in the series in over 25 seasons with the previous worst coming in 2000, a 36-point setback. The 17 points scored is the also the worst against La Mirada 24 seasons ago when the Lancers mustered 28 points in a 27-point loss. Before last Friday, 11 of the last 17 La Mirada wins over Norwalk had been by eight points or fewer.

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ketball team is sitting in third place with a 14-8, 3-2 record as it hosted fifth place Firebaugh High this past Wednesday and will go to second place Downey High on Friday before entertaining league-leading Bellflower High on Wednesday.

The Norwalk boys soccer team began the week tied for first place with Gahr. After visiting fourth place La Mirada on Jan. 23, the Lancers (8-2-3, 5-1-0) will host the Gladiators (12-3-1, 5-1-1) on Tuesday with the league title potentially on the line. Norwalk will also visit Mayfair on Thursday while Gahr entertains Firebaugh on Thursday.

The La Mirada girls basketball team began the week tied for first place with Warren as the Matadores (11-10, 4-1) went to fifth place Bellflower this past Wednesday and will welcome last place Firebaugh on Friday before going to Warren on Wednesday with first place most likely at stake.

In girls soccer action, Gahr (6-7-2, 4-1-1) is in second place with Norwalk in third place at 9-6-2, 3-2-1. Gahr went to Bellflower on Jan. 23 and will host Nor-

walk on Tuesday while the Lancers hosted league-leading Lynwood on Jan. 23.

**OLYMPIC LEAGUE**

Both Valley Christian High soccer teams entered the week in first place with the boys (5-8-5, 2-0-3) hosting Maranatha High on Friday and the girls (7-6-1, 4-0-0) going to Maranatha on Friday and entertaining Marlborough High on Tuesday in non-league action.

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dramatic impact on safety and frequent delays due to frequent train crossings, as well as other challenges that residents and workers in Santa Fe Springs and surrounding areas currently face.

"This is a monumental step forward for the City of Santa Fe Springs, and we are grateful to the Federal Railroad Administration for recognizing the importance of this project," said Mayor Bill Rounds. "The grade separation will improve safety and reduce commute times and strengthen economic development by improving access to key business corridors."

Pending the Notice to Proceed from the Federal Railroad Authority, the preliminary design is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2026. More importantly, the resulting preliminary design will position the city for future grant opportunities to fund the final design and construction of the project. The city will work closely with community members throughout the project to ensure minimal disruption and provide regular updates.

Last year, the Santa Fe Springs City Council approved the application for grant funds for the project. The City Council also appropriated \$330,000 to cover the City's "local match" portion from its UUT fund. The monies will fund the engineering/scope of work (SOW). The SOW outlines the tasks, deliverables, and responsibilities of the entire Grade Separation Project.

The existing at-grade railroad crossing at Norwalk and Los Nietos is very busy in terms of vehicular traffic and rail traffic. The crossing has significant safety concerns, ranking among the top two crossings with the highest number of safety incidents in the city.

A 2016 Caltrans study showed the average daily traffic volume was 12,000 cars, and 22 percent was truck traffic. Nearly five trains per hour (109) cross daily; 50 of those are passenger railroad cars, while 59 are freight. Train speeds can reach 79 mph for passenger trains and 64 mph for freight trains.

The rail corridor is owned and operated by BNSF Railway for freight, while Amtrak and Metrolink use the tracks for its passenger trains. The corridor is also a planned California High-Speed Rail route.

The actions by the SFS City Council followed a July 9, 2024, Notice of Funding Opportunity for the RCE Grant Program issued by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

The RCE is the only competitive discre-

tionary grant program aimed at improving railroad crossing safety and efficiency.

Over \$1.1 billion, funded through former President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, was made available during the grant cycle.

The estimated cost of the scope of work is \$3.3 million; the RCE grant program requires local matching funds in the amount of 20% of the total project cost, which is \$660,000.

SFS coordinated with BNSF developing the grant application and requesting funding for the scope of work. At the time, BNSF committed to funding 50% of the local match, \$330,000.

In a 2024 letter to FRA Administrator, Amit Bose, BNSF General Director of French Thompson wrote, "BNSF Railway supports efforts by the City of Santa Fe Springs to secure federal discretionary funding under the 2023/2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) for the Norwalk Boulevard and Los Nietos Road Grade Separation project.

"BNSF would be willing to contribute \$330,000 in private matching funds towards the \$3,300,000 total project cost, with a request of \$2,640,000.

The scope of work would include the development of alternative conceptual designs and community outreach. Once a preferred alternative is selected, the scope will include the development of engineering plans, specifications, and a construction estimate to the 35% level of completion.

The Grade Separation Project is very important to the city. Studies have shown that grade separations prevent collisions, reduce delays for both roadway users and rail, and enhance overall safety for the community.

In addition to the safety benefits, the projects will directly improve the quality of life for residents by enhancing connectivity and allowing residents and workers better access to jobs and opportunities.

Santa Fe Springs is a major job center, with tens of thousands of workers coming into the area daily, including from surrounding disadvantaged communities. Eliminating the crossing will allow for better and safer job access and improve freight movement efficiency via trucks on both roadways.

Surrounding communities will also see reduced greenhouse gas emissions when the project reduces engine idle time for vehicles stopped by numerous train crossings daily.

SFS City Manager René Bobadilla told Los Cerritos Community News, "Securing funding for the Norwalk Boulevard and Los Nietos Road Grade Separation Project was absolutely essential, given that this area ranks among the top two crossings with the highest number of safety incidents in our City. This project is not just about preventing accidents, it is about creating a safer, more connected community. By improving this critical infrastructure, we are fostering a more livable environment that will provide our residents and workers with better access to jobs, services, and opportunities, ultimately enhancing the quality of life in our City."

**NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-965****AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 103 AND 104 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PERMITS FOR FIREWORKS STANDS**

Notice is hereby given that on January 13, 2025, the City Council of the City of Artesia considered the adoption of Ordinance No. 24-965, making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to permits for fireworks stands. The following is a summary of the adopted Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 24-965 amends the municipal code to amend the City's requirements regarding obtaining a fireworks stand permit for the sale of safe and sane fireworks from June 28th to July 4th of each year. The amendment provides that applicants must meet at least three of four requirements to be eligible to receive permits, including: have principal meeting place in Artesia, have at least 40% of members live, work, or own a business or other establishment in Artesia, provide substantial services organizations or residents in Artesia, and/or is registered as a 501(c)3, 501(c)4, or 501(c)6 with the IRS. The amendment also requires applicants state the use of funds raised in the application, changes the deadline to submit applications, lists documents required to be submitted with the application, stipulates that no more than one permit is issued to each applicant, and increases the insurance requirements for obtaining a permit.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers: Manalo, Ramoso, Trevino, Taj, Ahir; Noes: None

Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701. Date: January 24, 2025 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk.

**NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF 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)**

Notice is hereby given that on January 13, 2025, the City Council of the City of Artesia considered the adoption of Ordinance No. 24-961, making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to smoke shops. The following is a summary of the adopted Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 24-965 amends the municipal code to expressly prohibit the establishment of new smoke shops, thus reducing the availability of tobacco products in the City, while still providing strict guidelines for the two (2) shops currently operating.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers: Manalo, Ramoso, Trevino, Taj, Ahir; Noes: None

Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701. Date: January 24, 2025 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk.




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City of Santa Fe Springs  
**Notice of Approved Ordinance No. 1151**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, the Santa Fe Springs City Council passed Ordinance No. 1151, which contains the following title:  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1151**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS AMENDING SECTIONS 32.33, 32.34, AND 32.36 OF CHAPTER 32 (COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES) OF TITLE III, AND SECTION 38.45 OF CHAPTER 38 (CITY POLICIES) OF TITLE III OF THE CODE OF SANTA FE SPRINGS RELATING TO CITY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**  
 Ordinance No. 1151 was approved by the following vote:  
 AYES: Councilmembers Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, and Mayor Rounds  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** who wish to obtain a copy of the full ordinance may contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 868-0511 or email [cityclerk@santafesprings.gov](mailto:cityclerk@santafesprings.gov)  
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**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS**  
**CITY HALL AND VETERANS NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY REROOFING PROJECT**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as "CITY", invites sealed bids for CITY HALL AND VETERANS NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY REROOFING PROJECT and will receive on **PlanetBids**, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidder's responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City's portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City's portal on PlanetBids.

Working hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The work shall be completed within 30 working days after the City's Notice to Proceed.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM** in front of Veterans Neighborhood Library at 6134 Greenwood Ave, Commerce, CA 90040. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and Project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder's Bid non-responsive.

Each Bidder shall possess a valid C-39 Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission. Contractor or subcontractor performing the asbestos abatement activities must have a California C22 Contractor's License in good standing with the Contractor's State License Board, be registered with the California Division of Occupational Safety & Health ('DOSH' or 'Cal/OSHA'), and must have a Hazardous Substance Removal Certification. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City's portal on PlanetBids.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF EDUCATION of the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as the "Legislative Body") has declared its intention to receive public testimony on the continuing needs of the District to increase statutory school facilities fees to provide and maintain school facilities for students generated from new residential and commercial/ industrial development and will consider adopting a Fee Justification Report for New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development in accordance with Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995.

The Public Hearing of the School District, to be held February 4, 2025 will begin at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the Board Room located at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA. These matters will be considered at such time as this agenda item is considered by the Board of the School District. The Board will hear testimony by all interested persons, property owners, voters, and taxpayers relating generally to the above matters.

A copy of the developer fee justification report is available for review in the office of the Risk Management located at ABC Unified School District 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos from January 21, 2025 to February 3, 2025 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM..

All individuals wishing to comment on the fee justification report are invited to attend the meeting of the Board of Education on February 4, 2025.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
 (Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
 Escrow No. 003386-TK

(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: JS & TS, INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 18300 GRIDLEY RD, STE D2, ARTESIA, CA 90701-5400

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: STRT JUICERT LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 18300 GRIDLEY RD, STE D2, ARTESIA, CA 90701-5400

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 18300 GRIDLEY RD, STE D2, ARTESIA, CA 90701-5400

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: KUNG FU TEA

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is FEBRUARY 11, 2025 at the office of: TOP ESCROW, 16800 DEVONSHIRE STREET, SUITE 201, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344, Escrow No. 003386-TK, Escrow Officer: TRACY KO

(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above

(9) The last date for filing claims is: FEBRUARY 10, 2025.

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**  
 Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, February 11th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

**NAME**  
 ERICK GIOVONNI BURTON

**UNIT #**  
 AA73

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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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF BELLFLOWER**

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)  
 Announcement of Citizen Participation  
 Notice of Fund Availability  
 Request for Proposals FY 2025-2026

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Bellflower is entitled to receive an estimated \$897,114 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Of the total estimated amount, a maximum of fifteen percent (15%) or approximately \$134,567 will be available to applicants for Public Service projects.

CDBG funds may be used for a variety of community development and housing activities, including public services, social services, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and residential code enforcement and housing improvement projects. A complete list of the eligible activities is available on the City of Bellflower Economic Development Department webpage.

CDBG applications are available now. A Public Services Technical Assistance Workshop will be held via zoom on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. to address any questions potential applicants may have.

Applications must be received by the City of Bellflower no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025. Please mail applications to: Economic Development Department located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706. Late applications will not be accepted.

Those desiring an application and/or wanting to participate in the Technical Assistance Workshop should contact:

Contact: Karla Pineda, Management Analyst II  
 Phone: (562) 804-1424 Ext. 2013  
 Email: [kpineda@bellflower.org](mailto:kpineda@bellflower.org)

The City will evaluate proposals for CDBG eligibility. After the proposals are evaluated, the staff will make recommendations for the total amount of CDBG funds which should be allocated. The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the funding allocation recommendations. The Bellflower City Council approves final CDBG allocations.

The City of Bellflower is conducting a community needs survey. Please visit the following link where you can tell us what you feel is important in your community: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZYMTJSZ>. To access the survey in Spanish, please click on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZDLP86O>

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City of La Mirada  
 Financial Transaction Report  
 Fiscal Year 2023-24

	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>		
TAXES	40,866,248	-
LICENSES AND PERMITS	2,023,599	-
FINES AND FORFEITURES AND USE OF MONEY AND PROPERTY	6,288,097	1,092,218
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	9,974,059	-
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	13,076,890	5,356,068
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	313,559	136,331
	<b>72,542,452</b>	<b>6,584,617</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY	18,632,727	8,037,122
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	7,570,585	-
HEALTH AND CULTURE AND LEISURE	21,165,175	-
DEBT SERVICE AND CAPITAL OUTLAY	15,025,180	-
	<b>62,393,667</b>	<b>8,037,122</b>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	10,148,785	(1,452,505)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(5,256,494)	-
PROPRIETARY FUND TRANSFERS IN (OUT)	-	5,343,503
SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	-	-
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION</b>	<b>4,892,291</b>	<b>3,890,998</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION (DEFICIT), BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>89,287,920</b>	<b>19,993,144</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION (DEFICIT), END OF FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>94,180,211</b>	<b>23,884,142</b>
APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT		170,884,671
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO THE LIMIT		36,067,313

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA**

Please take notice that on January 14, 2025, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

**INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 740-U APPROVING A PROHIBITION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, OR OPERATION (TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT) OF DISCOUNT STORES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF.**

**Summary of Ordinance No. 740-U**

Ordinance No. 740-U approved a citywide prohibition for ten months and fifteen days on the establishment, implementation, or operation of discount stores until December 8, 2025. The definition of "Discount Stores" is as follows:

"Discount Stores" means retail establishments that sell a broad range of new outlet, close-out, discontinued, liquidation, or overstock and general merchandise, primarily at a single discount price/ or in the low and very low price ranges.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 740-U are as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers De Ruse, Bean, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor Lewis  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: Otero

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 740-U is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California and is available for public inspection at that location.

Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, February 11th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT #
MINDREE M. COSTA	B140
MINDREE M. COSTA	A147
CHARLES JERMAINE JONES	B485
GILBERT RAMIREZ	B104

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

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

**Publication Dates: 01/24/25 & 01/31/25**

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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.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday February 11, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT
ELIZABETH BARRIOS	F137
JULIO CESAR ESPARZA	G112
TAYLOR ALLAN CAPLAN PAZ	B165
ESTELLA SEGURA	B159

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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 02/05/2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

- Robert Hernandez
- Christian Guzman
- Eva Hoffman
- Raymond Vasquez
- Miguel Rangel
- Claudia Lorena Chavez
- Ryan Myers
- Destiney Malone
- Anthony Oliver
- Enoch Chamberlain
- Alexis Alvarez
- Ruben Elias Robles
- Gabriel Carranza Mora
- Caesar Cordova
- Summer Simpson
- Brown Donald
- Curtis Morse
- Warren Arias
- Susan Wright

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

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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 February 05, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.**

- Louise Eteuati
- Anthony Brenes

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**Notice Inviting Bids  
 City of Santa Fe Springs  
 Request for Quotes No. 25-5  
 Water Distribution System Equipment and Supplies**

The City of Santa Fe Springs invites bids from qualified vendor(s) to provide water distribution system equipment, hardware, supplies, and other related items in accordance to the terms and conditions of Request for Quotes (RFQ) No. 25-5.

To view the complete proposal package and associated documents, visit <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/65093/portal-home> and click "Bid Opportunities" or <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/65093/bo/bo-detail/124629> to access the project directly. You can also visit the City's website and find the link above on the "Bids & Proposals" webpage.

Questions/inquiries regarding this opportunity must be submitted via the PlanetBids Portal by **Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm. Pacific.** The City will not respond to any questions/inquiries submitted after this deadline.

Please review all related documents in their entirety before submitting a response. Responses must be submitted electronically via the City's PlanetBids Portal by **Thursday, February 20, at 2:00 pm Pacific.** Any proposals received after this deadline will be deemed non-responsive, and the City reserves the right to reject them.

Responses to this request will be evaluated to determine the most qualified and responsive vendors. Responses must adhere to the format and content described in the RFQ. Responses will not be evaluated unless all parts requested are submitted in a complete package.

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA**

Please take notice that on January 14, 2025, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinances:

**ORDINANCE NO. 736 APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 57, ORDINANCE NO. 737 APPROVING ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 57, AND ORDINANCE NO. 738 APPROVING SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2024-1 TO IMPLEMENT THE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT (2021-2029).**

**Summary of Ordinance Nos. 736-738**

Ordinance Nos. 736-738 approve amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map, and Imperial Highway Specific Plan which implement the 6th Cycle Housing Element (2021-2029) and align with the State of California Housing Mandates. Below are summaries of each ordinance:

**Ordinance No. 736:** Revises Titles 20 and 21 of the Municipal Code to streamline processes under SB 9 and facilitate the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). It introduces zoning overlays for emergency shelters and special housing, aiming to increase density and promote affordable housing on designated sites.

**Ordinance No. 737:** Establishes a Special Housing Overlay and an Emergency Shelter Overlay on specific parcels to strategically enhance housing development that aligns with community needs and accessibility.

**Ordinance No. 738:** Amends the Imperial Highway Specific Plan, increasing the number of potential dwelling units to support the City's growth and housing availability.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance Nos. 736-738 are as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers De Ruse, Bean, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor Lewis  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: Otero

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance Nos. 736-738 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director

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**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**

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

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) ending on Monday, February 10th, 2025 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 #
Non-Lien/Manager's Special	F51
Alix Cole	H68
Miscedez Shaw	H31
Harold Freeman	A28
Alisha Lynne Scott	H24

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 24th and 31st day of January 2025.

Self Storage Management Company  
 Bond #: WL11254152

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## OSCARs FROM PAGE 9

### BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Monica Barbaro in "A Complete Unknown"  
 Ariana Grande in "Wicked"  
 Felicity Jones in "The Brutalist"  
 Isabella Rossellini in "Conclave"  
 Zoe Saldana in "Emilia Pérez"

### ORIGINAL SONG

"El Mal" from "Emilia Pérez" - music by Clément Ducol and Camille; lyric by Clément Ducol, Camille and Jacques Audiard  
 "The Journey" from "The Six Triple Eight" - music and lyric by Diane Warren  
 "Like a Bird" from "Sing Sing" - music and lyric by Abraham Alexander and Adrian Quesada  
 "Mi Camino" from Emilia Pérez" - music and lyric by Camille and Clément Ducol  
 "Never Too Late" from "Elton John: Never Too Late" - music and lyric by Elton John, Brandi Carlile, Andrew Watt and Bernie Taupin

### DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM

"Black Box Diaries" - Shiori Ito, Eric Nyari and Hanna Aqvilin  
 "No Other Land" - Basel Adra, Rachel Szor, Hamdan Ballal and Yuval Abraham  
 "Porcelain War" - Brendan Bellomo, Slava Leontyev, Aniela Sidorska and Paula DuPré Pesmen  
 "Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat" - Johan Grimont, Daan Milius and Rémi Grellety  
 "Sugarcane" -

### DOCUMENTARY SHORT

"Death by Numbers" - Kim A. Snyder and Janique L. Robillard  
 "I Am Ready, Warden" - Smriti Mundhra and Mya Gnyp  
 "Incident" - Bill Morrison and Jamie Kalven  
 "Instruments of a Beating Heart" - Ema

Ryan Yamazaki and Eric Nyari  
 "The Only Girl in the Orchestra" - Molly O'Brien and Lisa Remington

### INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM

"I'm Still Here" - Brazil  
 "The Girl with the Needle" - Denmark  
 "Emilia Pérez" - France  
 "The Seed of the Sacred Fig" - Germany  
 "Flow" - Latvia

### ANIMATED FEATURE FILM

"Flow" - nominees to be determined  
 "Inside Out 2" - Kelsey Mann and Mark Nielsen  
 "Memoir of a Snail" - Adam Elliot and Liz Kearney  
 "Wallace and Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl" - nominees to be determined  
 "The Wild Robot" - Chris Sanders and Jeff Hermann

### PRODUCTION DESIGN

"The Brutalist" - production design by Judy Becker; set decoration by Patricia Cuccia  
 "Conclave" - production design by Suzie Davies; set decoration by Cynthia Sleiter  
 "Dune: Part Two": production design by Patrice Vermette; set decoration by Shane Vieau  
 "Nosferatu" - production design by Craig Lathrop; set decoration by Beatrice Brendtnerová  
 "Wicked" - production design by Nathan Crowley; set decoration by Lee Sandales

### FILM EDITING

"Anora" - Sean Baker  
 "The Brutalist" - Dávid Jancsó  
 "Conclave" - Nick Emerson  
 "Emilia Pérez" - Juliette Welfing  
 "Wicked" - Myron Kerstein

### SOUND

"A Complete Unknown" - Tod A. Maitland, Donald Sylvester, Ted Caplan, Paul Massey and David Giammarco  
 "Dune: Part Two" - Gareth John, Richard King, Ron Bartlett and Doug Hemphill  
 "Emilia Pérez" - Erwan Kerzanet, Aymeric Devoldère, Maxence Dussère, Cyril Holtz and Niels Barletta  
 "Wicked" - Simon Hayes, Nancy Nugent Title, Jack Dolman, Andy Nelson and John Marquis  
 "The Wild Robot" - Randy Thom, Brian Chumney, Gary A. Rizzo and Leff Lef-ferts

### VISUAL EFFECTS

"Alien: Romulus" - Eric Barba, Nelson Sepulveda-Fauser, Daniel Macain and Shane Mahan  
 "Better Man" - Luke Millar, David Clayton, Keith Herft and Peter Stubs

"Dune: Part Two" - Paul Lambert, Stephen James, Rhys Salcombe and Gerd Nefzer  
 "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes" - Erik Winquist, Stephen Unterfranz, Paul Storey and Rodney Burke  
 "Wicked" - Pablo Helman, Jonathan Fawkner, David Shrik and Paul Corbould

### CINEMATOGRAPHY

"The Brutalist" - Lol Crawley  
 "Dune: Part Two" - Greig Fraser  
 "Emilia Pérez" - Paul Guilhaume  
 "Maria" - Ed Lachman  
 "Nosferatu" - Jarin Blaschke  
 March 2 is Oscar Sunday.  
 Watch the 2025 Oscars live on ABC.

Live red carpet coverage starts at 4 p.m. ET | 1 p.m. PT with "On The Red Carpet at the Oscars."



## HISTORY OF THE OSCARS

The Oscars originated in 1929 as a way to honor outstanding achievements in the film industry. The awards were created by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which was established in 1927. The idea was to promote the film industry, mediate labor disputes, and celebrate artistic and technical excellence in filmmaking.

### FORMATION OF AMPAS

The Academy was formed by industry professionals with the intention of advancing and improving the art and science of motion pictures. Douglas Fairbanks, a prominent actor and producer, became the first president of the Academy.

### PLANNING THE AWARDS

The concept of an awards ceremony was proposed by MGM executive Cedric Gibbons and other members of the Academy. The goal was to recognize exceptional talent and to provide a platform for filmmakers to showcase their achievements.

### FIRST CEREMONY-1929

The first Academy Awards ceremony took place on May 16, 1929, at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles. It was a private dinner attended by about 270 people. Tickets cost \$5, and the winners were announced in advance.

### FIRST OSCAR STATUE

The iconic Oscar statuette was designed by Cedric Gibbons and sculpted by George Stanley. The statuette is a gold-plated figure of a knight holding a sword, standing on a reel of film.

### FIRST WINNERS

The first-ever Best Picture award went to "Wings", a silent war film. The first Best Actor and Best Actress awards were given to Emil Jannings and Janet Gayno, respectively. The first radio broadcast of the Oscars was in 1930, and the ceremony was televised for the first time in 1953.

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