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605 BAND MARCHES IN 2025 ROSE PARADE

ROSE PARADE: Students from three ABC Unified School District high schools, Artesia, Cerritos, and Gahr, marched in the Rose Parade on January 1, 2025. Students from Bellflower Unified, and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified, totaling more than 400 musicians and color guard members, also participated.

By Brian Hews

Students from three ABC Unified School District high schools marched in the Rose Parade on January 1, 2025, to the delight of family, friends, and ABCUSD staff.

The schools—Artesia, Cerritos, and Gahr High Schools—were part of the 605 All-Star

Band, comprised of high school bands from ABC Unified, Bellflower Unified, and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified. Totalling more than 400 musicians and color guard members, the superband submitted an audition video showcasing their musical and performance skills to the Tournament of Roses in December 2022 and eagerly awaited the response.

In September 2023, the students from all eight high school bands and color guards, with their unwavering dedication, learned about the honor of performing in the 2025 Rose Parade.

The “reveal” of the acceptance video from Ed Morales, the president of the Tournament of Roses Parade, was eagerly

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Artists Chosen for Mural Project in Pico Rivera

By Brian Hews

Artists “Man One,” Alex Poli and Oscar Magallanes, have been chosen to kick off the implementation of a Mural Pilot Program to start the transformation of an area in Pico Rivera, part of the Historic Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Plan.

The Mural Pilot Project will contract professional artists with extensive experience managing community art programs to help recruit, train, and mentor locally based-artists.

The artists will gather input



THE MURAL project will be part of the initial phase of the Los Paseos project that will beautify Speedway Alley and two City-owned surface parking lots by including drought-resistant landscaping, pedestrian lighting and road resurfacing.

develop conceptual themes, and paint the final murals that reflect the history, culture, and future of Pico Rivera.

Both artists have extensive resumés.

“Man One’s” artwork has been featured at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, The Getty, Pasadena

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Illegally Passing a School Bus? You’re on Camera in These Districts. Expect a Fine.

5,300 drivers in a Pennsylvania school district had been issued citations for passing stopped school buses.

By Brian Hews

Over 17 million school buses are passed illegally in North America annually. These stop-arm violations endanger the lives of millions of students every day.

As of Dec. 6, 2024, 5,300 drivers in a Pennsylvania school district had been issued citations for passing stopped school buses after the district implemented new technology to catch violators—5,300 in less than a year.

The rash of citations came after bus drivers, parents, and police complained about drivers passing stopped buses when children were disembarking.

Fed up, the district contacted BusPatrol, a company that uses AI technology, school bus cameras, cloud connectivity, and a secure web platform to collect evidence and information on violators and eventually send them a \$300 ticket.

BusPatrol’s AI-enabled stop-arm camera school bus safety program is provided at no cost, made possible through a violator-funded cost recovery model.

With BusPatrol technology, driver violations can be seen from beginning to end. If a car passes the bus (illegally), the camera records its speed and license information.

“Illegal school bus passing poses a major threat to the lives of children across the country,” said Justin Meyers, President and Chief Innovation Officer at BusPatrol.

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New Laws Go Into Effect for 2025

By Brian Hews

Many new laws will go into effect in 2025 as Californians begin to see economic relief in the new year.

These laws will put more money in Californians’ wallets by easing financial pressures on families and improving consumer protections for residents across the state.

Many of these laws passed with bipartisan support and delivered new solutions to Californians’ most pressing economic challenges.

There are also laws for Cannabis cafes, AI and parking, minimum wages, housing rules, and family leave payouts.

California lawmakers passed roughly 1,200 bills last year, including some that resulted in unforeseeable wins by Republicans. These bills promised protections for consumers

and small strides for those in the entertainment industry.

Twelve new laws improve affordability and help Californians save money, including AB 2017, which protects Californians from excessive banking fees. The laws address unfair banking practices, preventing certain banks and credit unions from charging insufficient funds fees when transactions are declined due to a lack of funds.

AB 12, the Fair Limits on Security Deposits, prohibits landlords from demanding a deposit greater than one month of rent, irrespective of whether the property is furnished or unfurnished.

AB 2123, the Protecting Paid Family Leave, ensures workers can take paid family leave before using their accrued vacation time. This allows Californians to balance caregiving

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LBS Credit Union Donates to Children's Home Society of California



DONATIONS: From (l-r) Children's Home Society of California Program Administrator, Larry Henderson; LBS Financial SVP of Marketing, Heather Summers; and LBS Financial President and CEO, Sean Hardeman.

LBS Financial Credit Union employees donated over 400 toys and a variety of gift cards on December 11th to Children's Home Society of California, a local non-profit as part of their annual tradition at the Credit Union's holiday breakfast.

The Children's Home Society of California (CHS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families. In attendance was CHS Program Administrator, Larry Henderson, who accepted the donations and spoke on behalf of the organization. The Credit Union's donations will provide gifts for local families in Long Beach, where they currently serve over 4,000 children up to 12 years old. The program provides families and child care providers with services including free or low-cost child care and educational resources.

"Children's Home Society of California (CHS) sincerely appreciates LBS Financial Credit Union and their generous contributions in support of the children and families of the greater Long Beach area," said Larry Henderson, CHS program administrator. "Their kindness makes a meaningful difference in their lives."

LBSFCU President & CEO, Sean Hardeman said, "LBS Financial Credit Union is delighted to continue our annual tradition, allowing us all to contribute to a valuable organization in our community. Thanks to our employees for their generosity this holiday season."

The holiday gifts were collected by the staff members of Children's Home Society of California and were distributed to children and families in the Long Beach area.

LA Metro Installs Barriers For Drivers on Entire Bus Fleet

The shatterproof, tempered glass barriers constructed of steel and laminated material are designed to protect drivers.

By Brian Hews

In April, the Metro board approved an emergency motion to accelerate the installation of protective barriers for Metro bus drivers following an uptick in crime on the transit system.

According to reports, a total of 2,105 buses received the shatterproof, tempered glass barriers, constructed of steel and laminated, low-reflectivity material.

Metro also has added onboard cameras, digital video recorders and emergency buttons that operators can use to call for help. The agency has also mandated de-escalation training, and launched a "See Something, Say Something" campaign to encourage riders to report issues and stay vigilant.

The design and fabrication were completed in-house with the installation work done by staff at the operating divisions.

Metro used about 55,000 square feet of the material, enough to cover an entire football field, officials said.

The barriers add an extra layer of security for drivers from physical attacks such as punching, grabbing or thrown objects, and from being spit on.

The completion of the barrier installation comes at the end of a year that saw several high-profile crimes involving Metro, including a bus hijacking in September in which a passenger was shot and killed. That bus was equipped with a safety barrier designed to prevent a hijacker from approaching the driver and taking control of the bus.



A BARRIER similar to the one above was installed on 2,105 Metro buses.

The deadly hijacking was about six months after another Metro bus was commandeered by an armed man in downtown Los Angeles. That bus collided with cars and eventually slammed into the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The bus driver and a woman in a car struck by the bus were injured.

The barriers are already having an impact. Metro said that on buses equipped with the barriers from April to September, drivers were 58% less likely to be assaulted, and there's been a significant decline in spitting incidents as well.

L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn told LCCN, "Nothing is more important than the safety of our riders and our Metro employees. These barriers not only protect our bus drivers from harm but we have already seen how effective they are in preventing someone from taking control of the wheel. Next I want to see Metro get serious about keeping weapons off our system."

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St. Irenaeus' Delivers Gifts to Homebound and Local Care Centers



SPREADING CHEER: Front, guitarist/singer, Alissa Rose; Singers: Charlene Rau, Ellen Wright, Kruizer Kelley, Rosemary Lewallen. Back: Kathleen Price, Julie Van Hamersveld, Sarah Grossi, Mary Cuseo, and Daniel Dato-on,

By Rosemary Lewallen

Under the guidance of St. Irenaeus Health Ministry Co-Facilitators, Faith Community Nurse Jennifer Dagarag, and JoAnn Pyne, and with the support of volunteers like Grace Francis, Jan Williams, and Rosemary Lewallen, the Giving Tree Outreach Project has made a significant impact. It has brought joy to area care center residents and homebound parishioners, inspiring a sense of community and shared responsibility.

In December, a jolly “Ho Ho Ho” was heard at four local long-term care facilities. St. Irenaeus Health Ministry spreads the spirit of Christmas to the residents and staff, and the church serves weekly in its Care Center outreach program.

Each resident of the care centers received a bag of gifts provided by St. Irenaeus parishioners. Parishioners also donated funds online. A total of 345 bags of gifts were given to the residents, plus 43 bags to homebound parishioners. The four Giving Tree Parties, held in December, were lively and festive, with singers and musicians

performing, and Santa leading the residents in fun activities that made them smile and fondly remember past Christmases.

Singers from the St. Irenaeus Parish Choir, the Osher Lifelong Learning Chorus, the Cypress Senior Chorus, and community members caroled at the centers, encouraging residents to join in singing familiar Christmas songs. Alissa Rose sang and accompanied on the guitar at The Karlton Residential in Anaheim, Harvest Retirement in Buena Park, and The Terrace in Anaheim. Daniel Dato-on also sang, led singers, and played the guitar at Anaheim Terrace. Kathleen Price played the autoharp and sang at the Orange County Health skilled nursing facility. She also sang at the Karlton and Harvest Retirement. St. I’s wants to thank them for generously sharing their time and talents with care center residents.

If you have questions about the Care Center Ministry or are interested in volunteering at outreach communion services, please get in touch with Grace Francis, Care Center Chairperson, at 714-742-0960 or Nurse Jennifer at 714-826-0760.

Bellflower Seeks Your Opinion About Arts District Formation

An “Arts District” is a designated area intended to foster and support the arts culture within the city. Arts Districts generally feature art galleries, theaters, music venues, restaurants, cafes, artist studios, and public squares for performances. Such an area is typically encouraged by public policy making and planning, but sometimes occurs sponta-

neously.

Bellflower is asking residents to provide input and complete an online survey using the QR Code below.

Residents can also provide additional comments or suggestions.



California Snowpack Ahead of Schedule

The statewide snowpack, which provides nearly one-third of California’s water supply, was 108% of its historic average for Jan. 2 following a series of storms in the northern part of the state in late November and mid-December that boosted snow amounts and provided welcome conditions for skiers.

California’s reservoirs are also in better shape than normal after significant rain and snow last year and in 2023.

On Thursday, the state’s major reservoirs were 121% of their historical average capacity for early January.

The season’s first manual snow survey recorded 24 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent — the amount of water contained in snow — of 9 inches, according to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). That quantity of water is 91 percent of the average for this location, Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada, the agency stated.

There are still roughly three months left in California’s winter snow and rain season that typically ends in early April. Dry spells could shut off the precipitation, experts noted Thursday.

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Data shows that violations have dropped in Pennsylvania school districts using BusPatrol, entering their third year with the program.

According to BusPatrol data, one district saw a 22% drop in violations (1,317 to 1,028) in its second year, another had a 17.5% decline (1,870-1,542), and another dropped 15% (5,289 to 4,447). The numbers reflect violations local police approved.

The 15% drop in violations “indicates that some drivers are more aware of the flashing red lights on buses,” the downward trend shows that the program positively affects driver behavior.

Participating school districts receive \$250 for each violation; the remaining \$50 is divided equally between participating police departments.

Under its contract with districts, the company gets 60% of the \$250 for each violation plus a monthly technology fee based on the size of the bus fleet, which comes from the district’s portion of the ticket revenue.

But if a district doesn’t collect enough ticket revenue to cover the technology fee, the balance rolls over. At the end of the contract, any outstanding fees are voided, meaning it ultimately costs the district nothing.

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Senator Archuleta's Grandchild Killed by Drunk Driver

LCCN Staff Report

State Senator Bob Archuleta's 30-year-old grandchild, Alex Robles (previously known as Samantha Hahn), was tragically and instantly killed in a traffic collision by a drunk driver.



State Senator Bob Archuleta

The accident occurred on Monday, December 23, hours before Christmas Eve, in Apple Valley off Highway 18.

Archuleta felt compelled to share the devastating news to emphasize the warning against drunk driving.

As reported by the Victorville Daily

Press, the investigators determined the suspected driver was driving on the opposite side of the lane, collided head-on, and was able to walk away from his vehicle.

Per the investigators, the suspected driver had symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol and was arrested at the scene. Deputies from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Office are continuing with further investigations.

Upon receiving the news of the accident, Archuleta and his wife rushed to Victorville to aid in the love and comfort of their grieving daughter, Sandra Haun, and the rest of the family.

"Our oldest grand-child, Alex Robles, was 30 years old and a graduate of CSUSB who had recently earned a Master's degree in Social Sciences. Alex was a lovely and wonderful person who was ready to take on a career that had always been a dream, even though at a young age, Alex had already touched many lives and made a difference in this world," said Archuleta.

Archuleta emphasized, "We have to stress how important it is during the holidays and New Year's that we do not let anyone drive while they are intoxicated. This tragedy, this profound loss, should never have happened. According to statistics, 37 people die every day in the United States due to drunk-driving crashes. These deaths were all preventable. We can make a difference to end impaired driving by making the right choice never to drink and drive or allow anyone who has been drinking to get behind the wheel. God Bless you all, and our prayers go out to those who have lost their loved ones due to drunk driving. Please be safe."

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needs and their well-being better.

AB 2863, the Simplifying Subscription Cancellations law, is something everyone will like. It requires companies to offer a cancellation method that matches the way a customer signed up. For example, if someone subscribes online, they must be able to cancel online with a simple click-to-cancel option.

Renters will like AB 2801, the Get Back Your Security Deposit law, which ensures that if you leave a rental home as clean as you found it, you should get your deposit back in full. Security deposits are a significant investment for many Californians, and this money should be protected. Landlords cannot illegally withhold deposits, and residential landlords cannot inappropriately use your security deposit on things such as contract jobs or carpet cleaning. If you kept your rental as clean as you found it, you should get your money back. The law also will require landlords to take pictures.

AB 2747 is the On-time rent = good credit law, which allows tenants to build a healthy credit history by demonstrating responsible rent payments. Starting April 2025, if you are a renter and your landlord owns a residential property with more than 15 units, they will need to provide you with the opportunity to report positive, on-time, full payments to a nationwide credit bureau agency. This means renters can grow their credit score without buying a home.

AB 2694, the Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities law, makes building affordable homes easier. It facilitates the development of more affordable housing options for seniors under the Density Bonus Law. SB 1123 allows the development of up to 10 homes on vacant lots in single-family zones.

AB 3057, the Streamlining ADU Development law, aims to make constructing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) easier. AB 3057 allows junior ADUs to be developed with expedited environmental review. SB 1211 increases

es the amount of ADUs allowed on a multifamily property from 2 to 8.

SB 1061, the Protecting Consumers from Medical Debt law, addresses the devastating burden of medical debt on consumers. Under this new law, medical debt will no longer appear on credit reports, ensuring that people aren't unfairly penalized for the cost of essential healthcare. The law also prohibits lenders from using medical debt on credit reports as a negative factor when making credit decisions, giving individuals more room to handle their medical bills before debt collection and reporting can occur.

Cannabis cafes are now legal; you can now hang out at dispensaries as you would at a restaurant or cafe, thanks to AB 1775. The new law brings an Amsterdam-style approach to marijuana use by allowing cannabis retailers to make and sell food and nonalcoholic beverages at what will be known as cannabis cafes or lounges. Before this law, customers could smoke in some dispensaries, but the businesses were allowed to sell only prepackaged snacks and drinks. Some who are concerned about the health component call the law a step backward, given the risks of secondhand smoke.

New California state laws will protect the privacy of LGBTQ+ students, ensure that the history of Native Americans is accurately taught, and make it more difficult to discriminate against people of color based on their hairstyles.

Schools can't require parental notification Assembly Bill 1955, signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in July, forbids California school boards from passing resolutions that require school staff, including teachers, to notify parents if they believe a child is transgender.

The Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today's Youth, or SAFETY Act, also protects school staff from retaliation if they refuse to notify parents of a child's gender preference. The legislation, which goes into effect on Jan. 1, also provides additional resources and support for LGBTQ+ junior high and high school students.



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VISIT TO DISNEYLAND: The 605 Band seen here marching down Main Street USA at Disneyland, one of the many events the band enjoyed up to the Rose Parade performance.

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anticipated by all students, creating a moment of shared excitement.

"We have some of the most talented student musicians and performers in the area, and they so deserved this honor,"

said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow.

Previous Rose Parades have seen collaboration between school marching bands, but the 605 All-Star Band marks a significant milestone with its unprecedented partnership between three separate school districts, underscoring the event's historical importance.

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Bellflower 2024 Year in Review, A Look Back

LCCN Staff Report

The past year in Bellflower has been marked by meaningful milestones showcasing the City's unwavering commitment to creating a vibrant and welcoming community.

Bellflower has remained dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents and businesses alike. In 2024, the City continued its efforts to build a more connected, engaged, and thriving community. Some highlights from this past year:

January: The Fair Housing Foundation hosted a free Fair Housing Workshop for Bellflower residents, landlords, realtors, attorneys and managers. The workshop provided valuable insights into protections under fair housing laws.

February: The City partnered with 37 Oaks to offer a free 10-course business program for Bellflower business owners and operators. This program empowered product entrepreneurs to scale their businesses and diversify through e-commerce, wholesale and storefront opportunities.

March: Bellflower unveiled four new murals under the 91 Freeway, created by local artist Dave Van Patten. These unique works of art depict the journey of children growing into adulthood, blending elements of nature—earth and air—with a touch of whimsical creativity.

April: Bellflower hosted its 28th annual BRAVO Awards, honoring 10 first responders and public safety personnel for extraordinary acts of heroism and outstanding service. National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee **Dave Winfield** served as the special keynote speaker.

May: As a tribute to Memorial Day, the Bellflower Honors Program recognized local military personnel by installing 10 street pole banners, displayed along Flower St. and Alondra Blvd., and 15 inscribed bricks that displayed servicemen and women's name, rank and branch of

the military they served in. **June:** The City's Farmers Market operators Farm & Craft successfully complete their first year of hosting vendors at the Town Center Plaza. The market is open every Monday from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

July: Bellflower's annual blood drive collected 21 units of blood, potentially saving up to 63 lives.

August: The Street Slurry Project upgraded 17 miles of various streets and alleyways throughout the Bellflower community. This improvement enhances the overall safety and appearance of the area, benefiting both residents and visitors.

September: Construction started on a new Greenfield Outdoor Fitness X-Treme Ninja Course at Thompson Park. The course will feature slanted jump boards, toggle pull-up triangles, a kickboxing station and more.

October: Kaiser Permanente partnered with local law enforcement to host a National Prescription Drug Take Back event, providing a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unwanted prescription medications.

November: The City of Bellflower public works team and CR&R hosted a Compost Giveaway, providing residents with two free bags of compost. This initiative promotes sustainability and meets SB1383 goals while helping residents enrich their gardens and yards.

December: The city hosted its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony complete with caroling and photos with Santa.

Butterfly Garden Park: Bellflower celebrates the first anniversary of Butterfly Garden Park, a beautiful pocket park located on the south side of Alondra Blvd. and west of San Gabriel River (10525 Trabuco St.). Construction first began on October 4, 2022, transforming an abandoned commercial parcel into a sustainable green space. The park is a welcoming neighborhood spot that the whole family can appreciate.

The park is just under one acre and was designed with eco-friendly features, such as permeable surfaces, a bioswale and native plant vegetation that attracts butterflies. It also includes a walking path, benches and butterfly-shaped paving.

Christmas Tree Recycling Offered in Cerritos

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

Trees to be recycled should not

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

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

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

Queen Mary Brings Holiday Cheer to Long Beach Rescue Mission



QUEEN MARY CARES program, through the generosity of its guests and crew, delivered a little extra Christmas magic to the Long Beach Rescue Mission in December. The donation included a truckload of toys and nearly \$500 in grocery gift cards, bringing joy and support to families in need. **Photo courtesy of the Queen Mary.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony in Cerritos

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Cerritos will host a celebration on Monday, January 20 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The public is invited to attend this free event, which will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs and comments.

As part of the city's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, the Cerritos Library is sponsoring art and writing contests for students. The art contest is open to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Participants may submit one art entry, no larger than 12" x 18," using any drawing or painting ma-

terials.

The writing contest is open to students in grades 7-12. Participants may submit one writing entry, which may be a poem or an essay with no more than 300 words, preferably typed on white letter-size paper.

All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of "More Than a Dream." Contest entry forms are available at the Cerritos Library and on the City's website at cerritos.gov. Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8.

Selected entries will be recognized at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and on the City's website.

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Superintendent Thurmond Sponsors Senate Bill 48 to Keep ICE Off School Campuses

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond is sponsoring Senate Bill 48, legislation that aims to keep U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents off California campuses by establishing a one-mile radius safe zone around schools, as well as protect against the use of school data for deportation efforts. The bill, introduced by Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez (D-33) on Monday, December 16, will prevent schools from experiencing a drop-off in student attendance due to immigration concerns, which would directly and negatively impact critical funding. The bill also doubles down on the commitment by the California Department of Education to safeguard students and families, maintaining schools as spaces where everyone has the right to an education.

“SB 48 seeks to push back against threats of deportation that create fear in immigrant families. These practices suppress school attendance and rob schools of needed revenue,” said Superintendent Thurmond. “I am honored to partner with bill author Senator Lena Gonzalez, other legislators, and immigrant rights groups to support our families and keep ICE off our school campuses—period.”

The bill would prohibit school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and their personnel from granting ICE officers and other federal immigration authorities access to campuses if they do not have a judicial warrant. The bill would also prohibit police

cooperation with any immigration enforcement efforts within a one-mile radius of school to ensure a safe corridor for parents to bring their children to and from school.

As schools continue to face challenges related to student safety and data privacy, this bill sends a strong message that California is committed to protecting our students and families. SB 48 will also prohibit the sharing of any information about students, families, their households and school employees with ICE officers or other federal authorities.

“All California children deserve safe school environments that prioritize student learning, regardless of immigration status,” said Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez. “As Chair of the California Latino Legislative Caucus, I’m proud to be partnering with Superintendent Tony Thurmond to author this important legislation, which will prevent disruptions to student learning, keep children in school, and prevent families from being torn apart.”

In California, 93 percent of children who have one or more undocumented parents are U.S. citizens. Additionally, all children in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have a right to a free and appropriate public education. The proposed bill reflects California’s commitment to ensure that pandemic-era increases in chronic absenteeism do not recur and reiterates California’s commitment to make sure that schools are welcoming environments where all families can safely bring their children to learn. It aligns with California’s broader efforts to promote equity, inclusion, and the protection of immigrant communities.

Can Trump Use FAFSA to Deport Undocumented Workers?

By Ariel Gilreath ,
TheHechingerReport

A big part of Elizabeth House’s job is encouraging students to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA.

The FAFSA is the key to support for financial aid such as Pell Grants and federally backed loans, but parents must provide their Social Security numbers or fill out nine zeros if they do not have one.

For students who have family members without the proper immigration documents, filling out the form has long been seen as a risky way to draw attention to their family’s status.

House, however, urges students to take that step and fill out the FAFSA anyway.

“We encourage them to not stop your future plans because you have a fear due to being undocumented,” said House, who is the director of school counseling services.

But this fall, some college advising groups are reluctantly taking a different stance. With President-elect Donald Trump saying he wants to deport millions of immigrants in the country illegally and end birthright citizenship, they’re cautioning students filling out the form for the first time to think twice before doing so if they have family members who don’t have proper documentation.

In November, the National College Attainment Network, or NCAN, shared unprecedented guidance cautioning students with family members whose immigration status is questionable about filling out the federal financial aid application. The statement said it could not guarantee the data students and parents submit on the FAFSA would continue to be protected in light of the incoming administration’s public statements and priorities.

The policy change “will impact every person in our country — immigrant and U.S.-born alike,” one critic said.

“Although the Higher Education Act prohibits the use of data for any purpose other than determining and awarding federal financial assistance, at this time NCAN cannot assure mixed-status students and families that data submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, as part of the FAFSA process, will continue to be protected,” the organization said in its guidance.

Counselors like House are worried these messages will undermine the trust schools have built with immigrant families to get students into college.

“Even one student not filling it out is a negative impact,” she said.

Students who are not authorized to be in the country are not eligible for federal aid, but the FAFSA is widely used as a pathway for other types of scholarships. High school counselors and college advisers have encouraged these students to fill out the form, because some colleges offer scholarships regardless of citizenship status.

FAFSA data is protected under the Higher Education Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. There is no agreement allowing data collected on the financial aid form to be used for immigration enforcement. In a press call Thursday to answer questions about the rollout of this year’s online FAFSA, administration officials with the Education Department said President Joe Biden has prioritized protecting student and family privacy.

“We can’t speak for future policy-makers, and students and families should consider this information and make the decisions that are right for them,” a senior Education Department official said.

Some groups are sharing NCAN’s message with counselors or directly with students, such as Matriculate, an organization based in New York that pairs high achieving and low-income students with undergraduate mentors to help guide them to college.

“It’s information that we believe our students need to have access to,” said Bryan Contreras, managing director of program, partnerships and growth at Matriculate.

Others are offering different advice. ImmSchools, a Dallas-based nonprofit that works with schools to improve outcomes for immigrant students, is encouraging students to fill out the paper version of the FAFSA form instead of the online application. In the paper version, students do not have to directly answer a yes or no question on whether they have a Social Security number, though they do still have to put something in the space for the actual number.

“Fears are heightened and with good reason,” said Astou Thiane, director of policy at ImmSchools. “You have an administration that has been on the record saying they will pursue a policy of mass deportations against undocumented and immigrant communities. I think that will have far-reaching effects on immigrant people, period.”

Trump has been consistent in his intent to carry out mass deportations, but he’s sent mixed messages on what those plans entail. He has said he would work with Democrats on a solution allowing “Dreamers” — students brought to the United States illegally when they were young — to stay in the country.

But incoming administration officials have also said one option to avoid breaking up families with a mix of citizens and people not authorized to be in the country is to deport everyone “together.”

The National Association for College Admission Counseling, or NACAC, whose 28,000 members include high school counselors and college advisers, is weighing the risks.

Concerns over filling out the FAFSA are not new to students and families with questionable immigration status, said David Hawkins, chief education and policy officer with NACAC, but the mass deportation threats have intensified fears that immigration enforcement will find a way to use FAFSA data, even though it is supposed to be protected.

“We can’t guarantee that the future administration might or might not use this information, but we don’t want to stoke fears when there isn’t anything yet on the table that would suggest that this information will be used for anything other than financial aid,” Hawkins said.

Ultimately, House believes warning students against filling out the FAFSA will do more harm than good.

The school counselors in Greenville are going to continue advising students to fill it out, regardless of their citizenship status, and connect them to schools with scholarships they may qualify for.

“We would love for every organization to be encouraging and helpful — to help us find resources for all of our students,” House said.

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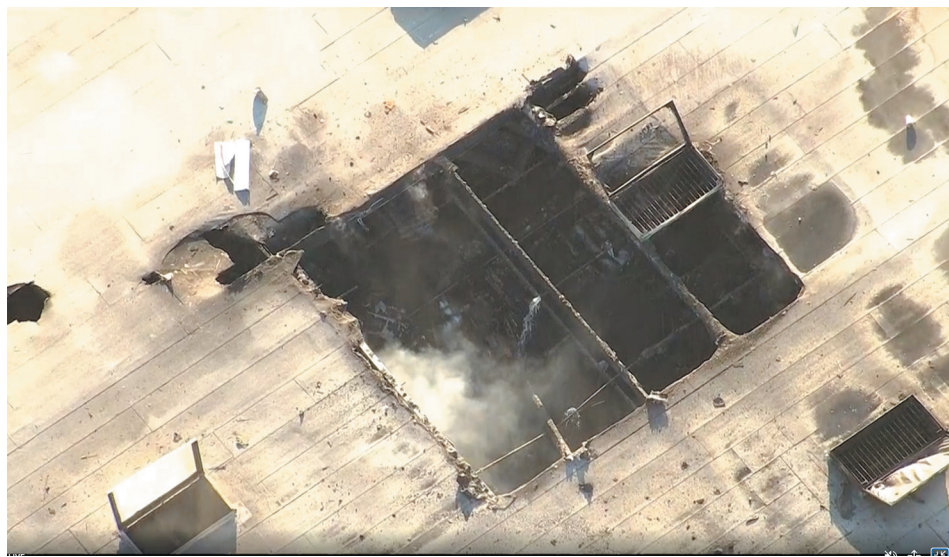


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1 Dead, 15 Injured in Plane Crash in Fullerton



MULTIPLE PEOPLE were reported injured when a small plane crashed into a warehouse near Fullerton Airport. The plane crash was near the 2300 block of Raymer Ave. just after 2 p.m. Thursday, resulting in the evacuation of over 100 people from inside the building, according to the Fullerton Police Department which responded to the scene with Fullerton and Orange County Fire Authority crews and worked to evacuate the building. Reports from the scene indicated the building is a furniture warehouse. Video from the scene showed a gaping hole in the building's roof where the plane struck it. Fire crews and paramedics assembled nearby to treat potential victims.

Deputies Arrest Porch Pirate in Lakewood

Officers announced the arrest of a man who was caught on camera stealing packages from Lakewood residences during the holiday season.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Lakewood Station posted a video on Instagram with footage from the arrest that included a brief interaction between an officer and the suspect.

In the video, filmed by the interro-

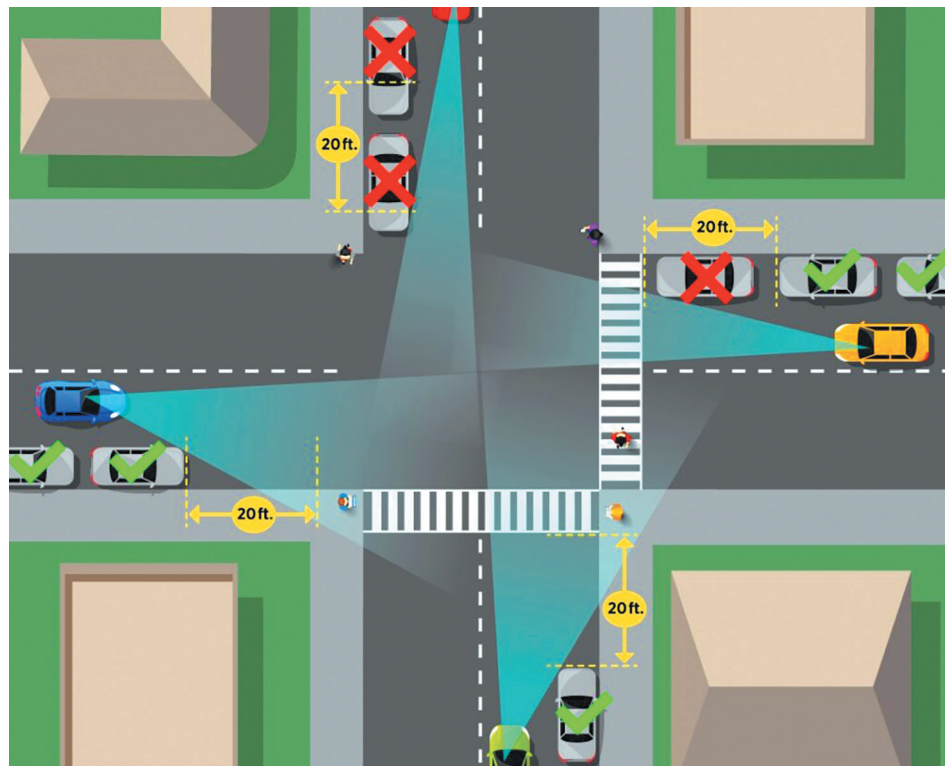
gating officer, the suspect is handcuffed in the back of a law enforcement vehicle as the officer asks if he knows what he stole.

"I got two packages," the suspect replied. "It was a nice neighborhood."

LASD said it was thanks to a resident who witnessed the theft and called it in that deputies were able to quickly find the man and recover the stolen items from inside his car.

The suspect, whose face is blurred in the social media video, has not yet been publicly identified by authorities.

Crosswalk Parking Law Went Into Effect Jan. 1



NO PARKING: Graphic showing the new parking regulations near crosswalks.

One of the most talked-about new laws in the state is Assembly Bill 413, which enforces "daylighting."

Starting Jan. 1, law enforcement agencies will begin looking for people breaking the "daylighting law."

Drivers who park within 20 feet of a crosswalk — even if there is no sign posted — could get ticketed. The no-parking zone decreases to 15 feet if there is a curb extension.

Gov. Gavin Newsom OK'd the law in 2023. It was designed to increase safety and visibility for pedestrians.

It's meant to be a positive move for California's pedestrians.

"There have been other places where

this is has been implemented with a lot of success. In San Francisco, they were able to do this because they were able to mark the curb. They saw a 14% decrease in pedestrian crashes," Lutzker said.

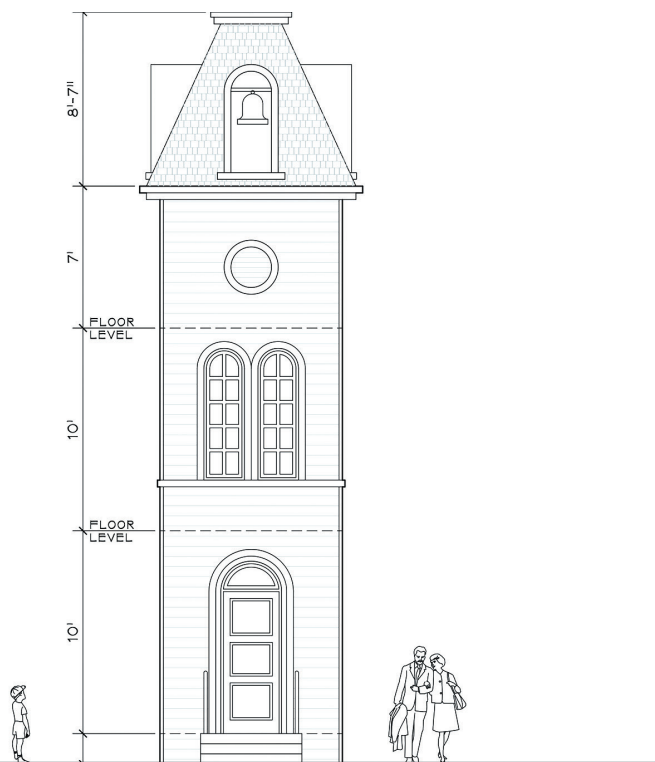
But not everyone is in favor of daylighting, like Marcel Rodarte with the California Contract Cities Association.

"There's nowhere in any driver's handbook. There is nothing in any driver training up till now that includes this law," Rodarte said.

But for those driving, it's best to get familiar with the law to avoid the consequences down the road.

Mandatory enforcement doesn't start until March.

FLASHBACK: Help the Artesia Historical Society House The Bell



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

LCCN Staff Report

The Artesia Historical Society is embarking on a community project to recreate the original bell tower to house its oldest artifact, the 1875 School Bell, which was part of Artesia Grammar School. The AHS believes that this project is not just about preserving history, but also about involving the community in a significant way and the AHS wants area residents to be a part of the development, to contribute their ideas, and to share the magnificent bell.

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

Artesia Grammar School.

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

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

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

er of time for the whole city, a symbol of resident's shared daily life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Volunteers Needed for Homeless Survey

Pico Rivera is looking for volunteers to participate in a one-night census and survey of homeless people within the community. The effort is part of the Los Angeles County Homeless Services' Authority 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

The Homeless Count census, which involves a visual count of all unsheltered individuals within Pico Rivera, will take place on Tuesday, January 29th. On that night, volunteers will be assigned to canvas a section of the City to count the number of homeless people they observe.

The data collected will be used to provide stakeholders with a better understanding of the area's homeless community and could help bring additional resources to our region. If you would like to volunteer, visit the Authority's website at <https://count.lahsa.org>



Local Seventeen Year-Old Rings the Bell, Celebrates Being Cancer-Free

LCCN Staff Report

Seventeen-year-old Atticus Maldonado has an extra reason to celebrate this new year – he is officially cancer-free. Atticus recently completed treatment for Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare type of soft tissue cancer that primarily affects children and teenagers, at the Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Institute at MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital. To mark this life-changing milestone, Atticus ceremoniously rang the bell, surrounded by his overjoyed family, friends, and the dedicated care team who supported him since the beginning of his journey in 2023.

Atticus, a passionate baseball fan and car enthusiast, was joined by more than 25 loved ones for the emotional celebration. Held during the week of Christmas, the

milestone was perfectly timed, as all his family wanted for the holidays was for Atticus to be cancer-free. The festivities were filled with holiday cheer and personalized touches honoring Atticus’s journey. The care team organized a “Cars”-themed celebration, complete with Lightning McQueen decorations, ice cream cake, and thoughtful gifts, including car parts to support Atticus’s passion for car restoration.

“Atticus has brought laughter and light to everyone he’s encountered,” says Taylor Sinnott, child life specialist, Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital. “He has an incredible ability to make patients and care team members smile and laugh. We are thrilled to celebrate this incredible milestone and the bright future that lies ahead for him.”

The support for Atticus extended beyond the hospital walls. Los Angeles Angels catcher Logan O’Hoppe, the official player partner of Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital, joined Atticus via Zoom to offer his congratulations and well wishes for the new year, marking a memorable moment during the celebration. Atticus is a big fan of the Angels and has built a special relationship with the team while receiving treatment at Miller Children’s & Women’s. On June 19th, the Angels hosted Atticus and 12 of his closest friends and family in a private suite at Angel Stadium for his 17th birthday. During pregame, Atticus played catch with Angels shortstop Zach Neto, took some swings in the indoor batting cage, and was surprised by players Mike Trout, Logan

SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD

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CANCER-FREE! Atticus Maldonado, with his dedicated care team by his side, celebrates the successful completion of his cancer treatment.



O’Hoppe, Zach Neto, Hunter Strickland and Patrick Sandoval who brought him a birthday cake to sing “Happy Birthday” to him. In September, he was honored to deliver the game ball during an Angels game in recognition of the Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Institute for Childhood Cancer Awareness Day.

“I’m excited to move forward without the restrictions that cancer had on me,” shared Atticus. “I’m looking forward to simply being a normal kid again. I can finally return to school, see my friends, enjoy a normal diet, and experience freedom. I’m ready to embrace everyday life and hit hard.”

The Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Institute provides high-quality, compassionate care to children diagnosed with cancer, sickle cell disease, and other serious blood disorders. It is one of only 10 children’s hospitals nationwide to hold full accreditation from the Commission on Cancer of the

American College of Surgeons. With access to advanced treatments, clinical trials, and comprehensive psychosocial support, the Institute is committed to helping patients like Atticus thrive beyond their diagnoses. Each year, more than 800 children receive treatment at the Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Institute.

“We are incredibly grateful to the entire team at the Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Institute for the exceptional care and compassion they have shown our family,” says Alejandra, Atticus’s mother. “I’m overjoyed that Atticus can now live the life of a typical 17-year-old, participating in senior activities without restrictions, without the constant worry of blood counts or the fear of illness. He can finally live life to the fullest.”

This holiday season and the new year mark a new chapter for Atticus as he embraces a cancer-free future and all the exciting opportunities it holds.

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Local Resident Realizes Dream With Dog Bakery

By Adrienne Fajardo, Talon Marks

La Pawnaderia is a Mexican dog bakery that opened in Nov. 2024, just off Woodruff Ave. in Downey.

Adriana Montoya runs the business, which began solely home-based in South Gate for two years prior to the opening of the new location in Downey.

The bakery welcomes dog owners to bring their pups for fun desserts and a chance to socialize with other dogs.

They offer a range of products, from clothing & toys to traditional Mexican desserts, and even a unique bone broth, 'Pawcifico,' made to resemble Pacifico beer.

They also sell classic desserts humans love to enjoy, such as donuts, cookies, and a cake pop called "Mickey Pop."

All of the dog treats are made from the three human-grade ingredients: coconut flour, peanut butter, and egg, making them delicious and safe for your pets.

It all started because of Montoya's love for dogs and her passion for baking.

This is a dog lover's dream. You get to buy treats for your pets, all while meet-



HAPPY: Buddy the dog eagerly awaits his treats. All of the dog treats are made from the same three human-grade ingredients: coconut flour, peanut butter, and egg, making them not just delicious but also safe for your pets.

ing new people who share your interests. We also organize regular dog meetups and events to foster a sense of community among dog owners.

"Business has been a dream; we are extremely grateful for everyone who comes in to support us," said Montoya.

The dessert case featured traditional Mexican treats such as conchas, churros, maza-pawn, flan, and more.

They even take orders for custom cakes, which can be of various shapes, such as hearts, rounds, and two-tier cakes.

For your convenience, their online website offers an option to order online and pick up in-store, making it super con-

venient for your busy schedule.

The bakery offered plenty of space for pets to run around, play, or lounge on one of the many little chairs and couches that they had for dogs.

Many guests were seen buying and taking pictures of their pet's treats. It's a place where you can spoil your pet and be around others who do the same thing.

With a vision for the future, Montoya hopes to one day expand the business, bringing more joy to pet owners and their furry friends.

"I've only been in business for two years, and we started the process of opening up the location at our one-year mark. Having a location was the goal, I didn't know it could be reached this quickly. I do plan to expand hopefully in the future," said Montoya.

More information on La Pawnaderia, including their address, can be found on their Instagram account @la_pawnaderia.



BAKERY: Conchas, Maze-pawn and Pawcifico, a unique bone broth made to resemble Pacifico beer.

IKEA U.S. Opens First Small-Format Store in Arcadia

LCCN Staff Report

IKEA U.S. announced the expansion of the IKEA Arcadia Plan & Order Point with Pick-up location into a new small-format store, as part of its broader strategy to grow in the Los Angeles market.

The development aims to make its affordable home furnishing solutions more accessible.

The IKEA Arcadia small format store now offers more than 1,000 home furnishing products that refresh with each season. This store is designed to provide a selection of IKEA's most popular products and solutions.

The new small store focuses on accessibility and convenience, bringing IKEA closer to the community while offering a personalized experience for customers planning their complete kitchen, bedroom, and living room with home furnishing experts.

"Our expansion goal is simple: to be where people are, whenever and however they want to experience IKEA," said Javier Quiñones, CEO and Chief Sustainability Officer of IKEA U.S. "We have been testing different store formats to enhance customer convenience, make home delivery more cost-efficient, and reach our customers where they live, work, and socialize. IKEA Arcadia represents a key milestone in this exciting journey towards a more connected and accessible IKEA experience for everyone."



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SURF CITY HOLIDAY CLASSIC**Gahr, La Mirada Girls Basketball Win Three of Four Games in Expanded Tournament**

By Loren Kopff
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HUNTINGTON BEACH—Once known as the Larry Doyle/Dan Wiley Orange County Tournament of Champions, the popular girls basketball tournament has gone through a name change and an expansion.

It used to be a tournament of one 16-team bracket with games at Edison High and Marina High, but now there 26 participants covering three divisions and among those were Gahr High and La Mirada High, both situated in the Bronze Division.

Gahr began the tournament with a 64-20 win over Mission Viejo High last Thursday afternoon at Marina.

After splitting their next two games, the Gladiators had no problems with Patriot High this past Monday in a 55-32 victory, claiming third place in the division. In the opener, Gahr bolted out to a 13-2 lead and was never challenged by a short-handed Diablos squad.

The Gladiators were also missing some players but made the most with the eight players who suited up.

“We had a chance to run some stuff that we can’t run in practice because we don’t have the bodies,” said Gahr head coach Alfred Howard.

“We’re in this bracket basically due to numbers. We want to compete every time we go out, and we did compete. But once you exert your dominance of a team, you start working on stuff that you need to work on to prepare for better games. So, we had a chance to do that today.”

Sophomores Rachel Fredenburg and Ella Mims paced Gahr in the opening quarter, combining for 12 rebounds, six points, three assists and two blocked shots while junior Chloe Beard scored seven points.

She added another seven points in the second quarter as the Gladiators scored the final 18 points of the half to lead 44-9 at the break.

Beard led all scorers with 18 points while Mims had 14 points, 13 rebounds, five steals and four assists and senior Simar Sogi pitched in with a dozen points.

Fredenburg finished with 10 points and 14 boards, senior Jody Colbert contributed with seven rebounds and senior Karen Barrocan came off the bench to score seven rebounds, grab two rebounds and get a pair of steals.

Gahr was able to do this without the services of senior starter Christine Ho.

“Well, that’s what we do have; winning does that,” said Howard. “We have Rachel; we have Ella, a freshman com-

ing in from the area. But my first year, we went all the way to the [CIF-Southern Section] finals. So hey, their parents said, ‘you know what, why go across town to a [Long Beach] Poly or why go

to 10-5 as it prepares to face Paramount High on Friday in the Gateway League opener.

“As a program, we’re trying to get to a point to where fundraising and

six of 31 shots from the field in the first half, missing nine layups and turning the ball over 11 times. All but four of the points La Mirada scored in the half came from senior Jael Arreguin. Still, it was down 23-15 at the half, but any chance of a second half comeback were dashed early as the Warriors scored the first seven points, eventually building a 23-point lead nine seconds into the fourth quarter.

Arreguin led La Mirada with 14 points and had five rebounds while senior Destiny Elmore had 13 points, six rebounds and five steals.

Sophomore Jordin Shaw poured in 12 points and had half a dozen boards while senior Emily Gonzalez crashed the glass for 19 rebounds. The Matadores were 16 of 62 from the field, missed 12 layups and had 25 turnovers.

“It was just too many days off for them to get it back together and to put up shots and get them in,” said Luong. “I don’t think Emily dribbled until the end of the third quarter. A lot of it is having confidence in themselves in their skillset and what they’re able to do.”

But La Mirada bounded back the remainder of the tournament, posting wins over Inglewood High (57-39) last Friday, Mission Viejo (44-30) last Saturday and Ocean View High (49-31) this past Monday. Arreguin, who was named to the All-Tournament team, had 14 points and 10 rebounds against Mission Viejo while Shaw added 15 points.

The Matadores (7-8) trailed 21-19 at the half but began the second half on a 13-2 run and never looked back. Elmore added 12 more rebounds to her season total as the team had 45 rebounds and turned the ball over 11 times.

Senior Hailey Medrano pitched in with eight points and six rebounds while senior Simran Sahota came off the bench to grab seven rebounds.

“I think they’re at our level, at least the teams we’re facing,” said Luong of the tournament. “It gives us a good head start on to what league brings to us. Bellflower is our first [league] game next Friday and I think they’re comparable.”

La Mirada has been looking for consistency this season in getting wins and has now won three in a row for the first time as it is seeking to reach .500 for the first time since it was 1-1.

“Let’s just say we better,” said Luong of being consistent. “I purposely gave the girls the holidays off, and it’s a give and take. I was depending on them to practice on their own and it’s evident that they didn’t.”



THE GAHR HIGH girls basketball team defeated Patriot High 55-32 this past Monday to win third place of the Bronze Division of the Surf City Holiday Classic. Junior Chloe Beard (holding the trophy) and sophomore Rachel Fredenburg (third from right on back row) were named to the All-Tournament team. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

across town to St. Anthony. We were able to inherit that talent. When you win, you get those players that want to be a part of your program, and we were fortunate to get that youth. So, when we lose Simar and Jody and Karen and Christine, the cupboard’s not all the way bare.”

Last Friday, Gahr cruised past Calvary Chapel Santa Ana High 82-23 behind 14 points from Beard and Mims before falling to Tesoro High 55-52 in overtime last Saturday as Fredenburg led the way with 15 points followed by 13 each from Beard and Sogi.

The Gladiators would score the first 10 points against Patriot in the third place game and did not allow the Warriors to score a basket until the 2:42 mark of the first half. By then, it was 27-8 as Patriot converted on seven of 10 free throws in the first half.

Mims led everyone with 13 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, had four assists and three steals while Fredenburg grabbed 17 rebounds and scored 12 points as seven of the nine players who saw action scored with eight getting at least two rebounds.

As a team, the Gladiators had 49 rebounds and 18 steals. Beard and Fredenburg were named to the All-Tournament team.

This was Gahr’s first and only tournament of the season while improving

things like that can afford us to do bigger things,” said Howard. “But for us, it’s a good tournament to stay local. Again, with [the tournament] being three levels, our numbers is the reason we’re in the lower [division]. We have two starters out of town [and] two j.v. girls moved up.”

La Mirada was in a tight battle in the first half against Patriot in its pool play opener last Thursday. But the Matadores were outscored 24-8 in the third quarter and lost to the Warriors 61-45 at Marina.

It has been a recurring theme this season for head coach Victoria Luong; seeing her team have a good first half before self-destructing in the second half as the Matadores only had six players against Patriot.

“Absolutely it’s frustrating as a coach, and I don’t know who shows up,” she said. “Again, I’ve said this a dozen times now; their mental game... they get into their own head, and the fact that we only had six players. We don’t have much of a bench and a lot of them were getting tired. After the holidays, they over-indulge a little bit, so they’re a little bit more exhausted. It’s a mental block and we’re working on that.”

The Matadores scored the first six points and led 9-2 before Patriot went on a 12-0 run. La Mirada converted on

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38TH HOLIDAY HOOPS AT MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

Cerritos Boys Reach Uncharted Territory n San Diego With Pair of Scoring Droughts

By Loren Kopff
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RANCHO PENASQUITOS-Every late December since 2001, apart from 2020, 2021 and 2022, the Cerritos High boys basketball program has been making a visit to San Diego for what was just completed the 38th Holiday Hoops at Mt. Carmel High School.

The Dons have had success in the past, but for the eighth time, were sent to the loser's bracket immediately.

A 74-61 loss to Eastlake High last Thursday was followed up by a 50-46 setback to Rancho Bernardo High last Friday as the young squad with six sophomores and three juniors to go along with seven seniors used this tournament as another learning lesson, just like the previous 12 games before departing Southeast Los Angeles County.

"We're just not playing consistently on both ends of the floor," said Cerritos head coach Jonathan Watanabe.

"That's going to hurt you. Sometimes it makes for exciting basketball, but it's hard to win games when you're not consistently playing offense and you're not consistently playing good defense."

The Dons either trailed or tied the Broncos the entire first half and did not take their first lead until the 6:44 mark of the third quarter when senior Jaden Ribac took a pass from senior Nathan Ju and sank his only three-pointer of the game, giving Cerritos a 27-24 advantage.

That was the momentum the Dons needed as they outscored Rancho Bernardo, located just north of Mt. Carmel High, 15-9 after the three-pointer.

Included in that stretch was 10 straight points from the final 82 seconds of the third quarter to the 6:07 mark of the fourth.

Cerritos was still leading 46-43, but as hot as it was for most of the second half, it went completely cold the final 3:04 of the game, missing its final seven shots it took while the Brocos rallied for the four-point win.

"We've had about four of them this year that are in that category," said Watanabe. "We just hope that we're able to learn and bounce back and just limit our mistakes on both ends of the floor. But we had some big contributions today. Noah Edwards came in and played huge for us, and that's what we need. We need guys to step up when their opportunities are there, and I thought those guys did that. We just weren't able to close the game."

Senior Benson Cho led the Dons with 12 points and eight rebounds while Ribac finished with nine points, senior Demetrius Washington added seven points, six rebounds and three assists and sopho-

Humphrey, 16 from Raagas and 13 from Hourani. The Sundevils had entered the game with a 2-12 record.

Cerritos (5-11) would defeat Westview High 61-53 this past Monday as

teams in a season in the tournament and overall, 52 of their 84 Holiday Hoops opponents have been from the San Diego Section.

Other non-CIF-Southern Section opponents have been Boulder City High, Canby (OR) High, GP Vanier High out of Courtenay, British Columbia, Mercer Island (WA) High, Las Vegas Valley High, Nevada Union High, Rocklin High, Sangler High and White River High. The most common Southern Section opponents have been Sonora High (six times) and El Dorado High (five times).

"We know the area; they do a good job of running the tournament," said Watanabe.

"The first year that I was the varsity coach with [former Cerritos] coach [Ian] Desborough, and it was by chance. We had not been here previously, and he had just told me we should try this tournament. We went; we loved it, the kids loved it and so we've been coming back ever since then. It's a fun trip.

"I think it's good; it's good to see different styles of play," he later added. "And also, different styles of officiating, because the emphasis in officiating in this area is different than in our area. It's different in Orange County. So the more exposure you get from the different types of officials, the better, because in the playoffs, you don't get your area officials."

Cerritos visits Sonora on Friday before going to Whitney High on Tuesday for the 605 League opener.



DESPITE THE RESULTS of the four-game 38th Holiday Hoops at Mt. Carmel High School tournament, the Cerritos High boys basketball team enjoyed another yearly late December trip to San Diego. The Dons have had success in the past, but for the eighth time, were sent to the loser's bracket immediately. The trip included a day at Sea World, a bowling outing and other activities. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

more Noah Edwards had a career-high six points.

The next day, Cerritos was facing Mt. Carmel and did something it had never done in the previous 20 trips to this tournament-open with three straight losses.

A barrage of three-pointers from the Sundevils spelled doom for the Dons in a 68-41 loss.

After Cerritos tied the game at 7-7 following five straight points, the hometown crowd inside Sundevil Arena was treated to a display of trifectas from Jaylon Boyd, Caleb Hourani, Tyler Humphrey and Blaine Raagas as Mt. Carmel was eight of 13 from beyond the arc in the first half.

Mt. Carmel went on a 20-0 run in a span of seven and a half minutes and when senior Jaylen Barsana ended that streak with the first of his two baskets, it would be the last time the Dons would trail by 19 points or less.

Mt. Carmel had a lead of over 20 points the final 3:38 of the half and the first 4:20 of the third quarter.

Cho posted a season-high 22 points while Washington added half a dozen points as the black and gold were held to 13 rebounds while Makai Orje had a quiet 18 points, followed by 17 from

another team-bonding experience was added to the 2024-2025 season. Since first coming to the Holiday Hoops in 2001, the Dons have put together a 47-37 record, including this season's experience. This was only the fourth time they have faced all CIF-San Diego Section

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOLIDAY PREP CLASSIC**Cerritos' Fourth Quarter Shooting Ruins Debut of Transfer Player in Another Tournament Loss**

By Loren Kopff
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POINT LOMA-Before the Cerritos High girls basketball team ventured down Interstate 5 to participate in the Southern California Holiday Prep Classic, head coach Marcus Chinen was feeling a bit uneasy. Originally, his team was placed in a division with two pools and was to have played against easier competition.

But a switch within a week of the tournament beginning due to teams dropping out forced tournament officials to make modifications, including putting Cerritos in the WNBA Premier Gold Division bracket where it opened against Etiwanda High last Thursday. Sure enough, the Dons were blasted 78-22 but had a chance to bounce back and even things up with a win against Mater Dei Catholic High the next day at Point Loma High.

Chinen was feeling better for most of that game, watching his squad lead for most of the contest in the debut of junior Mady Macaraeg, the transfer from Whitney High. But Cerritos went cold over the final 4:56, connecting on just two of nine from the field as it watched the Crusaders own the fourth quarter 19-10 and rallied for a 51-43 victory inside the house that former Point Loma standout Terri Mann dominated from 1984-1987. She led her team to four straight CIF State championships as the Pointers went an amazing 122-1 during that time.

"It was the shooting touch; we missed a couple of layups here and there," said Chinen. "I think this was one of our better free throw shooting games. We just didn't get to the line as much as we wanted to. We were up by a little bit and tried to extend [our lead], and I think we had a couple of our players in foul trouble. [Because of that], they weren't going in all the way because they didn't want to pick up that fifth foul."

Cerritos didn't trail in the first quarter, owning a five-point lead with 19 seconds left in the stanza on two free throws from senior Megan Wallace. Mater Dei Catholic took the first of its two leads in the second quarter 75 seconds in as Promise Martin scored her second of three baskets before halftime.



CERRITOS HIGH boys and girls basketball teams gather for a group picture following a 41-26 loss by the girls to Palos Verdes High last Saturday in the Southern California Holiday Prep Classic. The boys had lost to Mt. Carmel High earlier in the day at the Holiday Hoops tournament about 24 miles away from El Capitan. Both Cerritos teams went 1-3 in their respective tournaments in America's Finest City.

PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

The Dons regained the lead just past the halfway mark of the quarter on a free throw from freshman Analiyah Coneita. Then with one second remaining before halftime, Macaraeg scored on an offensive putback to make it 24-22. The lead would change hands four times in the third quarter and three times in the final quarter, the last coming at the 4:09 mark on a free throw from Anna Karen-Lacabe. The Dons remained within striking range and when Macaraeg drained her only three-pointer, it was 47-43 with 1:07 left in the game.

"This was her first game, and we look forward to her bringing a lot more to the team going forward," said Chinen. "Again, too, it's another lineup that's different. From the very beginning of the season, we haven't had a consistent lineup. We're a few games away from opening league, and we still don't have our set

lineup going into league. These girls are being shuffled around and some of them are being put in a position where they're not used to playing. But they're going to have to pick it up, which hopefully down the line, it will make them better."

Macaraeg scored a team-high 17 points, pulled down six rebounds and had three steals while Coneita came off the bench to add a career-high nine points. The Dons had 24 rebounds and forced 18 turnovers, resulting in 11 steals while turning the ball over 20 times.

The next day, the scene shifted to

El Capitan High in Lakeside in the East County area of San Diego and things didn't get better. The Dons failed to score in the second quarter as a 9-4 first quarter lead turned into a 41-26 loss to Palos Verdes High. After scoring the first five points of the contest and the final four of the first quarter, Cerritos didn't score until 54 seconds into the second half and by then, it was 18-11.

If the Dons has visions of cutting their deficit even more, it was quickly dashed when Palos Verdes went on a 10-0 run over the next 2:18. Cerritos shot an astonishing 10 of 43 from the field with Coneita leading the way with nine points off the bench while Macaraeg added seven points. Senior Ambar Multani grabbed 12 rebounds with Wallace and sophomore Jordyn Pulley each collecting four rebounds.

"We're relying on a lot of the freshmen to step in into some big shoes," said Chinen. "Again, all three of them have had to start a game. It's not a bad thing; it's just that they've had to start because we were shorthanded, or we had some injuries."

Cerritos (5-10) bounced back to defeat El Camino High 68-33 and is now 4-8 in tournament games this season. This was the second straight season the Dons have been in this tournament. Last season, they lost all three pool play games before knocking off El Capitan in the final game.

"I think the size of some of the teams that are here will help us out moving forward," said Chinen. "The Etiwanda game was something for the girls to remember. They played against girls who are going to universities after their high school career is finished, and it's something that they can talk about even if they don't continue their career after high school."

Cerritos will visit North Torrance High on Saturday and Whitney on Tuesday in the 605 League opener.



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The California State Senate District 36 Special Primary Election will be conducted on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. The next Cerritos General Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Cerritos voters will receive separate ballots for each election, and should pay special attention to the completion and placement of vote-by-mail ballots in their appropriate envelopes. For the State Senate District 36 on Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 10, 2025 to receive a vote-by-mail ballot*
Voting Period: Monday, January 27 – Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Voting Options:

- In-person voting at Don Knabe Regional Park, 19700 S. Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703
- 11-day vote center, scheduled to open Saturday, February 15, 2025**
- In-person Election Day voting at The Way Out Ministries, 22427 Norwalk Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716
- Vote center open Election Day only, February 25, 2025**
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**Conditional Voter Registration Period: Tuesday, February 11 – Tuesday, February 25, 2025 During this period, an individual can “conditionally” register and vote provisionally at the County elections office, a satellite office, or vote center after the 15-day voter registration deadline.*

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Cerritos General Municipal Election, Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The next Cerritos General Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. The ballot will feature races for three Cerritos City Council seats, for full four-year terms, and two proposed Charter Amendment Measures.

Each active, registered Cerritos voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for this election pursuant to State law. No return postage is required. Voters will have several options, including an in-person voting experience, to cast their ballots.

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 17 to receive a vote-by-mail ballot
Voting Period: Monday, February 3 – Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Voting Options:

- In-person Voting at City Hall (Weekday): Monday, February 3 – Monday, March 3, 2025, during regular business hours, as posted
- In-person Voting at City Hall (Weekend): Saturday, March 1 – Sunday, March 2, 2025, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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 - Cerritos Park East: 13234 E. 166th Street
- More Information: Cerritos.gov/election2025 or (562) 916-1248**

Candidate names (with ballot designations) will be listed on the ballot in the order shown below. The alphabet order of candidates for City officers was randomly drawn by the Secretary of State, per State law, and will be displayed in this order on the ballot: For Member of the City Council – Vote for no more than three (3)

- Adrian Ayub

- Jennifer Hong
- Hao (Ricky) Huynh
- Esther Hwang
- Riaz Surti
- Mark E. Pulido
- Rocky Pavone
- (Pat) Ashok Patnaik
- “JC” Jignesh Chokshi
- Sophia Tse

Cerritos voters will also decide two ballot measures on March 4, 2025 regarding modifications to generally clean up the City’s Charter and whether voters shall approve any future changes to the City’s General Municipal Election date. The questions on the March 4 ballot measures read as follows:

Measure J

Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to require that voter approval must be obtained for any future change to the City’s general municipal election date, currently established as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and make conforming amendments to the start date of each City Council member’s term and selection date of the Mayor, relating thereto?

Measure K

Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to remove or modify provisions based on superseding and preemptive State law, increase Citywide operational efficiency by eliminating references to outdated business practices, and correct grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors?

California cities are classified as either charter or general law. The City of Cerritos, a Charter City, is authorized to conduct standalone City elections by its Charter, the California State Constitution, and per recent case law, established by the California Second District Court of Appeal decision in March, 2020.

T.S. No.: 2024-01516-CA A.P.N.: 7076-002-124
Property Address: 21908 BELSHIRE AVENUE #204, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.
NOTE: THERE IS A 注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要
참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다

NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO
TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP
LƯU Ý: KÈM THEO ĐÁY LÀ BÀN TRÌNH BÀY TÒM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/19/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
Trustor: FREDERICK M HOWRESKO AND IRENE HOWRESKO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC
Deed of Trust Recorded 08/02/2004 as Instrument No. 04 1971086 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California,
Date of Sale: 02/20/2025 at 09:00 AM
Place of Sale: VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650
Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 52,396.45

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER’S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:
All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:
More fully described in said Deed of Trust.
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 21908 BELSHIRE AVENUE #204, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716
A.P.N.: 7076-002-124
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.
The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 52,396.45.
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.
If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.
The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01516-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration and that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. 1/3, 1/10, 1/17/25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PERCY WENDELL CURTIS WASHINGTON AKA PERCY W. WASHINGTON AKA PERCY W. C. WASHINGTON, JR. CASE NO. 24STPB14477

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PERCY WENDELL CURTIS WASHINGTON AKA PERCY W. WASHINGTON AKA PERCY W. C. WASHINGTON, JR.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDREA WASHINGTON FLOYD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREA WASHINGTON FLOYD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/28/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
KAYLEE K. SAUVEY, ESQ. - SBN 324659
AMY STUBBLEFIELD, ESQ. - SBN 356584
SAUVEY LAW GROUP, APC
8951 RESEARCH DR, FIRST FLR
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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 01/22/2025 at 11:00 a.m.

- Andrew Rojas
- Mentas Ann
- Orric Diggs
- Donald Edward Smith
- Dulcemaria Salcedo
- Jazzlyn Walker
- Vickie Jo Aguirre
- Jose Luis Gomez
- Jose Luis Gomez
- Recquel Thurman
- Marcel Santos
- Raenna Brown
- Violeta Mercado
- Violeta Mercado
- Angela Dawn Dunton

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-reasures.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.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 15144-JP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: SONAMOON LLC, 13404 WOODRUFF AVENUE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
Doing Business as: LECHETA NAIL BAR
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: TRANG H. TRAN, 13404 WOODRUFF AVENUE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and are located at: 13404 WOODRUFF AVENUE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 6131 ORANGETHORPE AVE., STE 180-E, BUENA PARK, CA 90620 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 22, 2025
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is:
ACT ONE ESCROW, INC., 6131 ORANGETHORPE AVE., STE 180-E, BUENA PARK, CA 90620 and the last date for filing claims shall be JANUARY 21, 2025, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
BUYER: TRANG H. TRAN
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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 (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

| NAME | UNIT # |
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| JOHN TOLLIVER HIGGINBOTHAM | B64 |

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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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at **13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California** to consider the following items:

EXTENSION OF INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 739-U : THE CITY OF LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER ADOPTING AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE TO EXTEND AN EXISTING MORATORIUM ON DISCOUNT STORES WITHIN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA. THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD EXTEND THE EXISTING TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR 10 MONTHS AND 15 DAYS FROM ITS CURRENTLY-SCHEDULED DATE OF EXPIRATION, THEREBY EXTENDING IT UNTIL DECEMBER 8, 2025.

At the hearing, the City Council will consider the staff report and recommendations, as well as all testimony and public input, prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing, or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the Community Development Department, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. Comments may also be emailed directly to the project planner, Manuel Muñoz, at manuelmunoz@cityoflamirada.org. Emailed comments must be received by Tuesday, January 14, 2025, by 12:00 p.m.

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

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

Manuel Muñoz
Community Development Director

Dated: January 2, 2025

Published at La Mirada Lamplighter 1/3/24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE APN: 7044-032-012 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/16/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Soluzion, Inc., A California Corporation Duly Appointed Trustee: Superior Loan Servicing Recorded 10/30/2017 as Instrument No. 20171242926 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 1/17/2025 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,074,511.05 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12711 Castleford Lane Cerritos, Ca 90703 A.P.N.: 7044-032-012 "As Is Where Is" The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01966. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (714) 730-2727, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01966 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/20/2024 Superior Loan Servicing, by Asset Default Management Inc., as Agent for Trustee 7525 Topanga Canyon Blvd. Canoga Park, California 91303 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 Julie Taberdo, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer A-4831341 12/27/2024, 01/03/2025, 01/10/2025

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

| NAME | UNIT # |
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| ANTONIO MAURICIO TOLENTINO | A204 |
| SUSAN TREEN | B772 |

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562
Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.
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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday January 14th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

| NAME | UNIT |
|----------------------------------|------|
| DELVONDRE BERNARD GARDNER | F138 |
| VERONICA LEDEZMA AND LUIS MARTIN | E246 |

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

**ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **21st day of January, 2025** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1667 Roofing at Bragg ES and Haskell MS

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Only Bidders participating at the **mandatory jobwalk** on January 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM sharp at the Haskell Middle School 11525 Del Amo Blvd., Cerritos. will be emailed the bid documents. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class C-39 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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Girls and Boys Basketball and Soccer League Play Begins With Intriguing Games Setting the Tone

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

The December tournaments of 2024 are now behind everyone and three days into 2025, league begins for some area basketball and soccer teams. However, for the La Mirada High boys basketball team, it still has one more tournament to get through before beginning Gateway League action.

Here's a look at what's on tap for everyone during the first week of the new calendar year.

ARTESIA HIGH

The boys basketball team (6-4) hosts Wiseburn-Da Vinci High on Friday and Loara High the next night before travelling to Oxford Academy on Tuesday in the 605 League opener. The girls basketball team lost its first seven games to begin the season, scoring anywhere from 12 points to 41 points in each of those games. It, along with the girls soccer team (7-2-0) will also be at Oxford Academy on Tuesday while the boys soccer team (7-1-1) is home to the Patriots on Tuesday. In addition, the girls soccer team entertains Mayfair High on Saturday.

CERRITOS HIGH

The boys basketball team (5-11) visits Sonora High on Friday while the girls basketball team (5-10) travels to North Torrance High on Saturday before going

to city rival Whitney High on Tuesday in the 605 League opener. The boys soccer team (3-1-2) went to California High on Jan. 2 before its home game with Whitney on Tuesday while the girls soccer team (2-7-0) visits Kennedy High on Tuesday.

GAHR HIGH

The boys basketball team (8-8) lost three of four games in The Classic at Damien and will host Animo Venice High on Monday while the girls basketball team (10-5) begins Gateway League action on Friday at Paramount High before hosting Lawndale High on Wednesday in a non-league affair. The boys soccer team (7-2-1) opened Gateway League action on Jan. 2 at Dominguez High and will go to Mayfair on Tuesday before entertaining Norwalk High on Thursday while the girls soccer team (2-6-1) hosted Dominguez on Jan. 2 in the Mid-Cities League opener and will be home to Bellflower High on Tuesday before going to Norwalk on Thursday.

JOHN GLENN HIGH

Both basketball teams and the girls soccer team open 605 League action at Pioneer High on Tuesday while the boys soccer team entertains the Titans on the same day. Boys basketball is 7-3, girls basketball is 3-8, boys soccer is 7-3-2 and girls soccer is 1-7-0.

LA MIRADA

Fresh off its third place finish in the

Platinum Division of The Classic at Damien, the boys basketball team (13-3) faced Brophy College Prep on Jan. 2 in the first of three games this weekend at the Nike Tournament of Champions featuring Hoophall West teams Saguaro Division at Skyline High in Mesa, AZ. When the Matadores return home, they will visit Lynwood High on Wednesday in their Gateway League opener.

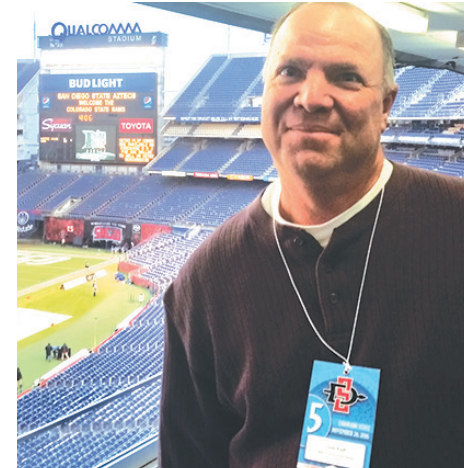
The girls basketball team (7-8) will host Bellflower on Friday in the Mid-Cities League opener before going to Firebaugh High on Wednesday. The boys soccer team (2-8-1) visits Norwalk on Tuesday in its Gateway League opener before hosting Firebaugh on Thursday while the girls soccer team (5-5-2) goes to Mayfair on Friday and welcomes Paramount on Tuesday.

NORWALK

Both basketball teams begin Mid-Cities League action on Friday with the boys (11-6) going to Firebaugh before facing Downey High Wednesday while the girls (5-7) are at Firebaugh on Friday and play Dominguez on Wednesday. The boys soccer team (3-1-3) went to Firebaugh on Jan. 2 while the girls soccer team (6-4-1) hosted Firebaugh on Jan. 2 and will travel to Lynwood on Tuesday.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH

Both basketball teams and the girls soccer team kick off Olympic League



**LOREN KOPFF'S
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action by entertaining Maranatha High on Friday before going to Heritage Christian High on Tuesday while the boys soccer team is at the opposite site both days. Boys basketball (8-9) will also visit Capistrano Valley Christian High on Wednesday while the girls basketball team is 7-9. The boys soccer team is 3-8-2 while the girls soccer team sports a 3-5-2 record.

WHITNEY

The boys basketball team is 7-11, the girls basketball team, fresh off a trip to Seattle for a three-game tournament, is 11-6 and the boys soccer team is 0-6-3 ahead of the 605 League opener against Cerritos.

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Museum of California Art, and LACMA, to name a few.

Magallanes' artwork has been featured at the North Carolina Museum of Art, Museo CEART de Baja California Mexicali, Mexico, and the National Museum of Mexican American Art in Chicago, amongst others. In addition, Oscar's work is part of the permanent collections of the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach.

These accomplished artists will create Murals at the IDEA Lab Building located at Whittier Boulevard and the two City-owned parking lots on Lindsey Avenue and Deland Avenue, off of Speedway Alley. The Mural project will be part of the initial phase of the Los Paseos project that will beautify Speedway Alley and two City-owned surface parking lots by including drought-resistant landscaping, pedestrian lighting, road resurfacing, wayfinding and informational signage, hydration stations, and bicycle repair stations and parking. The Mural Project and Paseos will transform the alleys into lively neighborhood paseos that enable community-oriented programming and promote economic development by offering local businesses outdoor dining and recreation opportunities.



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